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AIDS Foundation facing huge cuts

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation may have to layoff almost half its staff and "severely" reduce client services if the county decides to cut more than $450,000 it has provided in previous years, according to Foundation director Sam Schuchat.

The Foundation also may lose $310,000 of a $360,693 grant from the Sierra Foundation.

Between the proposed county cuts and the Sierra Foundation, $760,000 of the AIDS community organization's annual $1,950,000 budget is at stake.

Schuchat told *MGW* that groups like the Sierra Foundation are removing their grants because they see other monies coming in and think the organization can do without its help.

But Schuchat says "the reality is" these cuts come at a time when demands for services are still increasing; a time when he would like to be thinking about expansion rather than reduction.

In the 1989-90 fiscal year, the county provided $420,000 to the Foundation which was used for case management and in its Hand to Hand care program. The state provided $490,000 for the Foundation's home care program. Another $200,000 was provided for educational efforts, also from the state. While the money comes from different levels of government, the county has control of the allocation.

The federal government is only three percent of the Foundation's budget.

"The county blames the state for not providing enough money, the Sierra Foundation says the government should provide more, and everyone says we need to do more fundraising," said Schuchat.

But as the concerned director highlighted with bar graphs to the county, fundraising accounted for 11 percent of the organization's total budget.

Schuchat also expects United Way funding, which has been increasing every year, to level off in the next or following fiscal year.

In order to save the county funding, the AIDS Foundation has been meeting with supervisors to try and secure votes, however, Schuchat says he has been unsuccessful in getting the promise of a single vote. He said the county officials have asked to "study the problem" and retain budget flexibility.

Schuchat has also started a letter writing campaign to supervisors and is making a plea to the community to "pack" the August 16 county budget hearing. The meeting, to be held at the County Administration Building on H Street, is scheduled to begin at 9:30am.

"If they knock our legs out now, with the Sierra Foundation also pulling, we are going to be in very serious trouble," said Schuchat. ■

ACT-UP initiates ad boycott

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

The Sacramento Chapter of ACT-UP began a campaign against the *Sacramento Union* after the newspaper ran two editorial cartoons the activist group calls "anti-gay."

In a July 23 letter sent to *Union* advertisers ACT-UP said "These cartoons are more than offensive, they poke fun at a disease that has killed more than 600 people in Sacramento alone."

The letter says the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power was called to action by a phone call from a mother whose son had died from the deadly disease.

ACT-UP said *Union* advertisers who did not pull their ads from the newspaper would be placed on a boycott list.

"A 'do not shop' list is being widely distributed and ACT-UP is planning to protest businesses which continue to advertise in the *Sacramento Union*," the letter said.

The Sacramento Chapter of Gays and Lesbians Against Defamation has also addressed the issue, but, at press time, had taken no official action.

"We had no problem seeing the defamation in the cartoons," said John Carlson of GLAAD. "They were clearly offensive and tasteless."

Carlson said GLAAD also sent a letter to *Union* publisher Danny Benvenuti and editors.

"Basically, we are waiting to see what happens next," said Carlson.

GLAAD has asked editors for a meeting to discuss the cartoon and the paper's coverage of gay and lesbian issues.

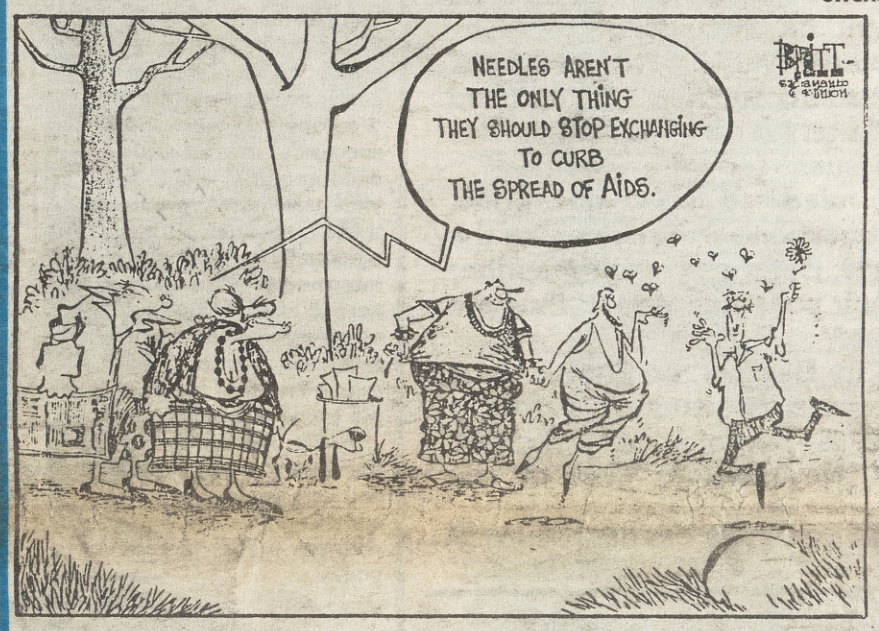
"We feel it (the cartoon) is not just one opinion," said Carlson. "It seems to be one of many opinions there."

Carlson said GLAAD would consider taking action against Benvenuti, a developer, in his projects if the newspaper continued to publish anti-gay items.

At an August 9 meeting, ACT-UP told GLAAD it would wait until August 17 before taking any further action against the *Union*. Arturo Jackson III of ACT-UP told *MGW* that ACT-UP is now down-playing the boycott and waiting for the newspaper to react.

Union editor Joseph Farah said none of the newspaper's advertisers have removed their ads or even complained.

Farah also said he ha not received any lett from GLAAD asking f a meeting and wou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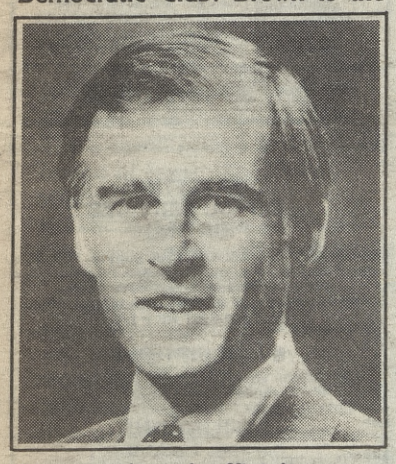
Jerry Brown makes history at RCDC

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

On Wednesday, August 8 former California Governor Jerry Brown was added to Sacramento's gay history when he spoke to the River City Democratic Club. Brown is the



highest elected official ever to speak to a local gay organization.

Speaking before about 50 people in a sweltering room at Sacramento's Young Women's Christian Association, Brown began by briefly reviewing his accomplishments as governor.

Much of his hour-long speech focused on grassroots efforts within the Democratic party.

"The Democratic party is about the choice to make a difference, yet we the people who need the party most — the young, the poor, and minorities," said Brown. "Those are the people who need the Democratic party — people we need to reach out to."

Brown also criticized current Governor George Deukmejian by saying the "Duke" has doubled the deficit, failed to curb crime, and taken away victim's rights.

The former two-term governor also criticized Deukmejian for building additional prisons and not "dealing" with the problem. Brown said Deukmejian should have put more money into the California Conservation Corps Brown created.

Brown is chair of the California Democratic Party and part of his reason in talking with grassroots political organizations like RCDC is to further Democratic contenders in November.

Included in an overall indict-

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Man files sexual harassment suit

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento — An 18-year-old gay man filed a sexual harassment complaint against a Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise on July 25, in Sacramento with the State Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Tom Bills, was hired as a management trainee at the Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise. According to Bills, he had just moved here from Washington and was living alone. He was befriended by a girl, an employee at the store. They saw each other and went out together and were, he thought, friends. When he confided in her that he was bisexual and that there was a new person in his life — a male, she allegedly told everyone at their workplace.

According to the complaint, Bills began being harassed by the male employees and complained to the manager, Pat Casanastova, about it. Bills said Casanastova talked to them about the situation only once and the harassment continued, "They made physical threats, they would argue with me and call me a 'fag,' they talked about me and belittled me in front of others and acted like I had no rights," Bill said. "The second time I went to the manager he told me to ignore it. Then the division manager's son, Michael Jones, came in one day, he's a Mormon, and he said, 'Gay people will be the first to go when God comes back. San Francisco is a modern day Sodom and Gomorrah.' Then someone else said they should go to San Francisco and shoot gay people," Bills said.

Bills said he began to realize that his assistant manager training was being put off and he had been working 55- and 60-hour weeks as just a cook for nine months. The male cooks continued to make physical threats and suggestive comments to him until finally, on July 19, after management failed to respond to his pleas for help, Bills quit.

Larry Schonborn, district manager for Kentucky Fried Chicken, was not aware that a complaint had been filed and said that both the division

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MGW EDITORIAL

Talk to us about us

We have had it with public officials who appear before gay organizations but don't address gay concerns.

Yes, it is great that the River City Democratic Club is attracting big names like Arlo Smith, Jerry Brown and others, but these candidates need to be forced to talk about our issues rather than just the rhetoric of the Democratic party.

Of the candidates most recently addressing the community, Smith could be excused from this criticism. The San Francisco District Attorney has talked about his support for domestic partners and gay rights. He has been specific as to what he would support.

Brown, however, spoke in generalites, only mentioning the words gay and AIDS, once, respectively. It would seem a violation of basic rules of speech-making not to address the concerns of your audience.

At closer inspection, though, could it be that Brown and others are afraid of making any "real" promisses to the gay community. Maybe they want the support but don't want to face the criticism that might be directed at them by some of the more conservative party members.

Whatever the reason, we need to demand candidates and speakers for all political parties to talk about our issues.

It means we need to ask questions, sometimes tough questions that may make the guest uncomfortable. But we have to remember that we are also their constituents and they are in office to serve us.

Still, the River City Democratic Club is to be congratulated. Brown's appearance before a gay political club is a major achievement. Maybe next time we can get him to say something.

— Jim Walker■

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MGW WRITE

Thank you from the mayor and councilmember

Dear Editor:

Thank you for attending our meeting on July 16 and for sharing your concerns and ideas with us. We hope that by sitting down together and discussing the important issues facing gays and lesbians in Sacramento, we've begun a dialogue that will result in improved communications and ensure justice and fair treatment.

In the coming months we'll be working with our colleagues on the City Council to promote outreach into the gay and lesbian community when the City recruits new police officers. We'll also continue to encourage training that provides officers with an understanding of the unique problems faced by the various constituencies throughout the city. This, along with the new Community Oriented Policing Program, should help make the streets of Sacramento safer for everyone.

Improved communication and increased sensitivity on the part of the police should also help make people feel more comfortable reporting crimes. We hope that you will be successful in your efforts to encourage those who are the victims of hate crimes to report these terrible violations, either personally or through an intermediary. We will do our best to ensure that the elimination of hate crimes receives top priority by the police and that increased patrols are made in high-crime areas.

Again, thank you for taking the time to meet with us. Please call us whenever there is something we can do to assist with any matter of concern to you.

Anne Rudin
Mayor
Heather Fargo
Councilmember, District 1

Help defeat Jesse Helms!

Dear Editor:

Jesse Helms is Public Enemy #1 for gay men, lesbians and AIDS activists. He opposes reproductive choice, civil rights, aid for persons in poverty, assistance for poor school pupils, minimum wage increases, and legislation protecting the environment. He is seeking a fourth consecutive six-year term in the U.S. Senate. His Democratic Party opponent is architect Harvey Gantt, the first black person to attend Clemson University and the first black mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina's largest city. Gantt is pro-choice, supports civil rights for all, including gay and lesbian people, strongly favors environmental protection, campaigns for "the common working people of North Carolina," was one of Charlotte's most financially responsible mayors, and welcomes the label "unabashed liberal."

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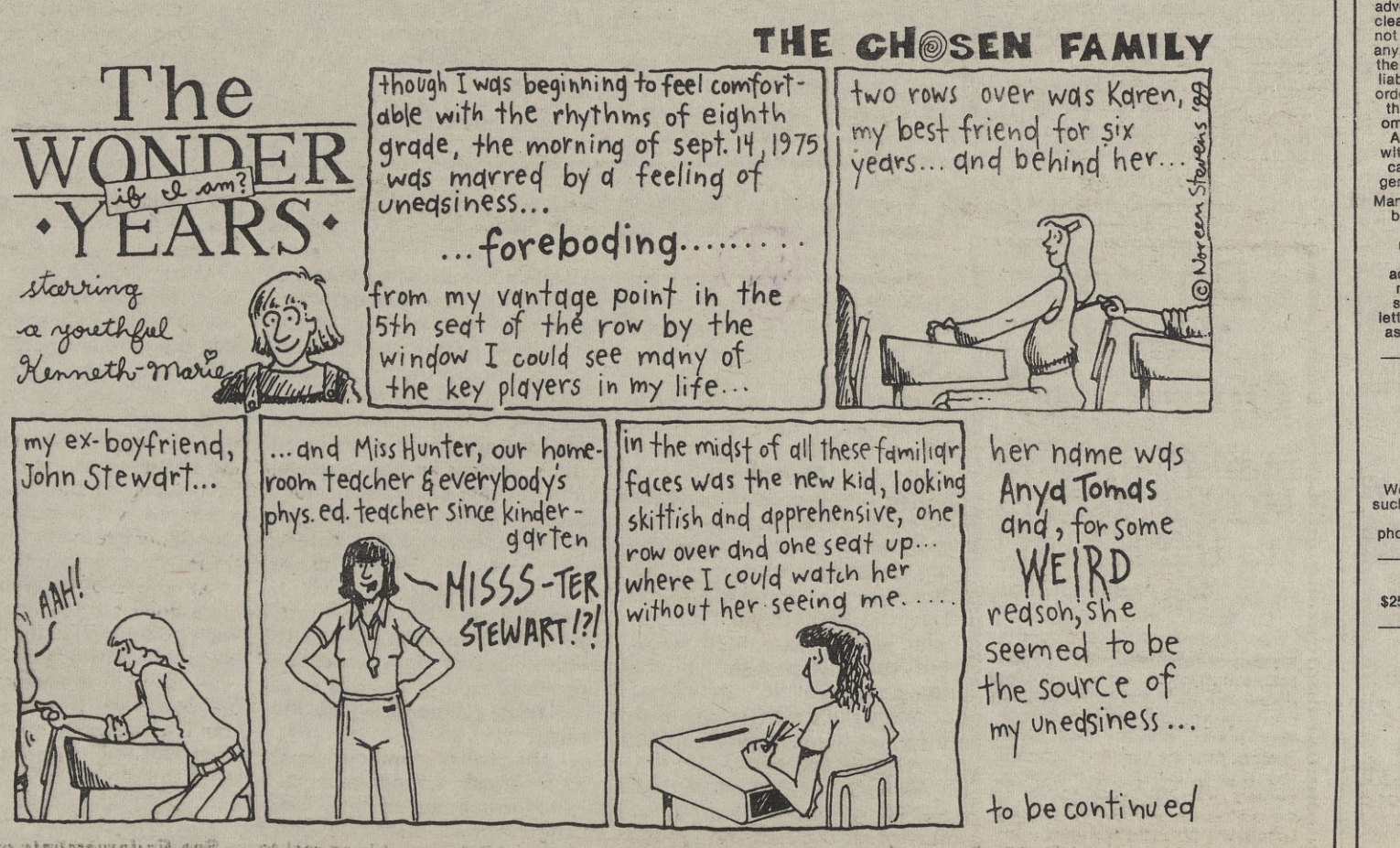
Newspaper irresponsible

Editor's note: The following letter is a copy of a letter sent to James H. Smith, publisher of the Sacramento Union.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I read today, with anger and disbelief the cartoon on the editorial page of your newspaper. It is precisely this type of irresponsible conduct by the media that helps reinforce homophobic attitudes and hatred by our society. I would hope to expect a more positive and correct depiction of gay men and women than the stereotypes that you portrayed in your newspaper. You have missed an opportunity to foster an enlightened and intelligent approach towards the depiction of this minority.

M.D. Orewyler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The WONDER YEARS
if I am?
starring a youthful Kenneth-Marie
though I was beginning to feel comfortable with the rhythms of eighth grade, the morning of sept. 14, 1975 was marred by a feeling of uneasiness...
...foreboding.....
from my vantage point in the 5th seat of the row by the window I could see many of the key players in my life...
two rows over was Karen, my best friend for six years... and behind her...
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my ex-boyfriend, John Stewart...
AAH!
...and Miss Hunter, our homeroom teacher & everybody's phys. ed. teacher since kindergarten
MISSS-TER STEWART!?!
in the midst of all these familiar faces was the new kid, looking skittish and apprehensive, one row over and one seat up... where I could watch her without her seeing me.....
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Dear Editor:

Thank you for the tribute to Tim Warford that ran in the 15 July issue of *MGW*. In the Orthodox Church, it is traditional to commemorate in a special way our loved ones on the 40th day after their deaths. Since this date is closely approaching, I'd like to add some personal remembrances of Tim to those you recently printed.

Tim Warford was my friend and co-worker for 10 years. We first worked together in the Lesbian and Gay People's Union at Sac State. Later, he helped get me into one of the most exciting and exasperating ventures in which I was ever involved — *The Sacramento Star* newspaper, which we published for a couple of intensely creative and hard-working years in the early 1980s. And he was part of a "family" of friends that especially gathered to celebrate holidays together — Thanksgiving, St. Andrew's Day, Christmas, Easter, Gay Freedom Day, Independence Day, and birthdays.

Then, this year, just between Gay Freedom Day — indeed on the day after the 21st anniversary of Stonewall — and Independence Day, Timmy passed away. It hardly seems possible that he is gone; he worked harder than almost anyone I know, with a fierce dedication to the causes he believed in. In a relatively short time, he became an integral, essential part of the Sacramento gay community — and of the community at large — making his mark in student government, politics, journalism, community organization, and AIDS work. Everything he did, he did enthusiastically, using his considerable talents for brainstorming, planning, organizing, and publicizing.

This is not to say that Timmy couldn't be difficult to work with at times. His fierce dedication to causes could get in the way of his relations with people, and his eager enthusiasm for projects could interfere with his attention to the details of those projects.

But nothing could interfere with his burning desire to accomplish his goals. Not even his illness, which in so many ways seemed to concentrate his personality to its essence, so that he became more "Tim-like" than ever in his determination.

And so, when we think of Tim dead at the age of 30, we should not mourn the loss of what more he might have accomplished, but rather we should rejoice in the magnitude of what he did accomplish. We should not regret the loss of his many talents, but celebrate the gifts he gave us.

Coming as it did between our two great celebrations of freedom and independence, Tim's death brings to mind the image of fireworks. Not a sparkler, briefly flaring brilliantly and then going out. Not a pinwheel, spinning madly and shooting sparks in all directions. Not a rocket, flying high, then bursting with a flash and a bang. No, Timmy was more like a fountain, surging into one beautiful shower of illumination after another — and then, just as it seems to be extinguished, coming back with a final exuberant burst more glorious than all the others.

We miss him sorely, and we will continue to miss him for a long time. We will miss his fervor, his brilliance, his exuberance. We will miss his cute and silly side, too — the side he didn't often let people see. And we will grieve at the loss of our beloved friend. But we have to understand that the grief is for ourselves, for Timmy aimed high and accomplished much, and now, we trust, God will give him repose in a place of light, happiness, and peace, where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing, but everlasting life. May his memory by eternal.

James K. Graham

Writers have valid points: but it's time to put it behind us

Dear Editor:

As an intensely interested observer of HIV news and a provider of HIV medical care I have been following with concern the series of comments and events prompted by Arturo Jackson's article on oral alpha-interferon and the "hype" surrounding its unveiling. Having been involved in many controversies surrounding HIV over the past seven years myself, and been criticized soundly, I wanted to make some comments about this most recent flap.

As usual in such a dispute, it seems to me, both writers have valid points. We all need excitement and hope in this horrible epidemic. And yet, when our hopes are raised too high and fall too far too many times we may become discouraged and willing to give up. I personally viewed Art's article as relatively uncritical and overly hopeful, and Stephan Pardi's analysis of the problem of uncritical acceptance in HIV reporting as too stident. Hopefully, readers can perceive the problems in both articles themselves. I suspect that both writers will modify their styles in the future. Both are dedicated, energetic reporters who serve our community well.

As for events occurring outside of the press, such as vandalism and threats against Stephan, I am appalled. The place for controversies such as this to be resolved is in the press and, ultimately, through refinement in the two writers' thinking. We all benefit from that approach. We all lose by the use of intimidation. Ideas can only be modified or changed by another idea, never, ever by violence.

I hope that Art, Stephan, et al. will eventually put this dispute behind them and continue to provide us with accurate reporting on HIV issues. A lively point — counterpoint serves as well. Rancor will hurt us. I salute you both, Art and Stephan, for your efforts.

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CAP/PAC endorses Dianne Feinstein; gives Pete Wilson "acceptable" compromise

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

After two hours of what board members called "agonizing" debate, the California Capitol Area Political Action Committee (CAP/PAC) endorsed Democrat Dianne Feinstein for governor and gave Republican Pete Wilson an "acceptable" mark.

Both candidates responded to CAP/PAC's questionnaire. Feinstein answered on the same sheet, with a point-by-point first-person response. Wilson answered with an overall letter.

The July 28 endorsement meeting brought a session question before the gay political fundraising group: Should CAP/PAC endorse Republicans to keep gay Republicans listening and donating to CAP/PAC or should CAP/PAC endorse the best candidate, Republican or Democrat, for the gay community?

Dianne Feinstein — Photo by Linda Birner

"Do we want to bring more Republicans into this club and what is our commitment to the gay community?" questioned Carolyn Langenkamp, a Sacramento attorney.

"I hear what you're saying about creditability, but an endorsement for Wilson could take more creditability away from your group," said Sandy Virago, chair of River City Democrats to elect Dianne Feinstein. "The Feinstein campaign has come out and asked for our help. Is Wilson going to call the gay political clubs and seek help?"

CAP/PAC President Tom Burns said Wilson has already sought the help San Francisco's gay Republican Log Cabin Club.

"Personally, there is no question in my mind that Feinstein is better on more issues than Wilson," said board member Gary Miller. "But I don't think we can be a bi-partisan organization with a single endorsement."

Burns pointed-out that there are Democrats with mixed positions such as Speaker Pro Tem David Robert (D-San Francisco) who is very supportive of gays but strongly opposes all abortions.

"Maybe it's time for us to say there are Republicans who support gays," said Burns.

Virago offered a Wilson-Feinstein comparison. "Your survey set the standard for what the group is looking for. I would be so disappointed that you would even put Wilson on the same level as Dianne."

"We keep avoiding my question: tell me why we are considering supporting Pete Wilson?" asked Roseanne Herber.

"If Dianne is a better candidate than Pete, than isn't making a dual endorsement like an affirmative action," asked Alan Lofaso of the Life AIDS Lobby.

"If we look at it (our endorsement) as advice to the gay community, I think we should make a single endorsement. If we are going for a wider base, then we should make a dual endorsement," said Langenkamp.

Burns provided each person present, eight board members, one guest and *MGW*, with a final opportunity to express their feelings on the candidates.

Burns made the final statement, calling Wilson "one of the few moderates left in the party." Burns said Wilson's defeat could move the party further right.

"We are all agonizing today — it's tough. I would love to be able to tell my gay and lesbian friends we endorsed a Republican at the top of the ticket," said Burns.

Burns' final statement was about the Democrats' virtual control of state government, years he said, that the opportunity was ignored for liberals to pass gay-related bills.

Burns had told his fellow Republicans he would vote for a dual endorsement, but when the vote was tallied — shocking his fellow board members, Burns abstained.

Five votes were cast in favor of a dual endorsement, at least one of those votes cast by a Democrat.

Burns apologized for not voting for a dual endorsement, saying he had a "true desire to see the outcome," but offered a surprise substitute measure that would feature an "endorsement" for Feinstein and an "acceptable" for Wilson.

The vote for Burns' measure was seven to two, with one abstention.

Earlier in the meeting, the board focused on their knowledge of their candidates' positions.

Neither candidate is fantastic," said Burns.

"After being pummeled by the 'Duke,' both Wilson and Feinstein look great to me," said Langenkamp. "The chance of getting AB 1 passed is so real to me, I can taste it."

AB 1 is generic for legislation that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. While the legislature has passed several versions of AB 1 in recent years, Governor Deukmejian has vetoed all efforts.

Part of the group's discussion was about which version of AB 1 their questionnaire was referring to. There were suggestions that CAP/PAC should have asked if candidates would have signed the AB 1 legislation Deukmejian last vetoed.

"The thing that bothers me about Pete is that the letter clearly states he has not had a sexual orientation bill presented to him," said Herber.

"He said no bills have approached him,"said Burns.

Lofaso said he had received a letter from Wilson explaining there had been technical problems with one particular federal bill involving gays he voted against.

Langenkamp talked about Wilson's appointment of who she said was an "anti-gay" attorney to state Supreme Court.

Wilson appointed San Francisco Attorney Vaughn Walker to the state's highest court following his battle against the use of the word "olympic" in association with the gay athletic celebration now known as the "Gay Games."

Board member Jane Rountree asked Wilson's position on parental consent for abortions.

Wilson has said he is unquestionably pro-choice, however, some have said he wasn't before he ran for governor.

Feinstein has also been grilled on the abortion question, with especially intense criticism following her statement in a primary debate, that she would "consider" restrictions on abortion for sex selection. Feinstein later backed-away from the statement and said she supports all abortions.

"How firm is his (Wilson's) commitment?" asked Langenkamp. "The meo says he has not taken a position (on any gay -related issues?"

Miller, a Democrat, ironically, pointed out Feinstein's weaknesses.

"She vetoed domestic partners legislation. She had the opportunity to work on it, but chose not to. She didn't support Roberta Achtenberg for state assembly, she isn't the perfect candidate,' said Miller.

Sandy Virago added this statement:

"The work that I do at the state level really says we need a Democrat as governor," said Virago, who is a former director of the Human Rights Commission.

"There is not going to be a candidate that supports us on every single issues," said Virago. "While I was disappointed with her failure to work on domestic partners, she still is far better than Wilson on our issues."

"I don't see the positions. We don't get many commitments in this letter (from Wilson). I know you (Tom) have contacts with his office that say he will support us, but I'm just not comfortable with that as our assurance," said Herber.

"I want to respond to a few

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by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Mandatory hospital tests proposed...

Hospitals should routinely offer AIDS tests to all patients, suggests a study by the Centers for Disease Control. Hospitals may be an efficient place where infected people who are unaware of their status could become aware of their status, it says. AIDS officials expressed concerns not only over the fact that keeping the results confidential would pose a serious problem, but because counseling programs in many areas are either nonexistent or already overburdened, and it would be completely inappropriate to tell a person they're positive if there is no place to then refer them. California law generally prohibits HIV antibody testing without a patient's consent, says Senate consultant Stan Hadden. He acknowledged that, while routine testing might help in areas with large black and hispanic populations, HIV infection rates in this state are not high enough to warrant widespread hospital testing.

Transmission report full of questions...

Federal health officials recently reported the case of a woman who says she may have caught the AIDS virus two years ago from a dentist with AIDS who wore gloves and a mask during the entire procedure. The woman says she has never had sex with anyone with the HIV virus, and could not think of any other possible source of infection. The facts of the case obviously need further research and clarification — it was not known, for instance, if the dentist had a cut on his hand, or what other factors in the woman's history may have contributed to her infection — but the premature reporting of the issue, without all the relevant facts, is certain to re-spawn the old fears about how the virus is transmitted, and possibly impact the 5,000 health care workers, including 144 dentists, in this country who have AIDS. The American Dental Association says that the release of this case "does not serve the best interests of the public and the profession because it hasn't been completely investigated and the findings are not conclusive."

Alpha Interferon...

** Injected: People with Hepatitis B are seeing good results, and even a cure in some instances, with use of the high-dose injected version of Alpha Interferon. This may well become a major use for this drug, currently also being used to treat KS in People with AIDS (PWAs). Some researchers say that Interferon's best long-term result as an AIDS treatment may be seen with a combination of low-dose AZT (about 500 mg), a low dose of injected Interferon (between 200 and 500 million units), together with a drug such as GCSF, currently being tested to decrease the toxicity caused by the other two drugs.

** Oral: The controversial (but growing in popularity) oral Interferon — administered by squirting in the mouth and slowly sloshing it around, or putting it on a wafer and slowly chewing — is given in much smaller doses than the injected Interferon. Much difficulty is being encountered by those who wish to try this treatment in obtaining the Kenya, South Africa, version called Kemron (which is actually made in Japan). American-made versions — some a close approximation, some not so close; some made with natural ingredients, some with synthetically re-created ones — are more readily available from various "buyers clubs" around the country. Check with your physician before taking this drug so that your health and possible reactions can be monitored. Many local physicians still feel the dosage is so small it couldn't possibly work, but say they look forward to examining results of on-going and future studies. They remind people that, in the middle of this continuous struggle to stay healthy, it is easy to be swayed toward trying untested drugs and treatments that promise to remove symptoms (but which will, for sure, remove money from your bank account). Be careful of what you purchase (for example, ribavirin can reduce T-cells and decrease the action of AZT in your body). Talk over with your physician all purchases you've made or are considering. Remember that a fortune is being made by many during this terrifying epidemic. Profiteering on oral Interferon (called Kemron/Wellferon/Alferon/etc., depending on who's duplicating it) is already beginning even as further studies are taking place at this initial stage. Already, the buyers clubs are charging divergent prices; and some clubs are reported to be selling a more reliable and stable product than others. No one knows if oral Interferon works, how it works, who should try it, and when to try it. Some speculate it should be taken about the 300 T-cell mark but not before. And we all know that what works for one person may not work for others. Nonetheless, numerous people say they've seen relief of symptoms and increases in T-cells over a short term with oral Interferon. The story is certainly not in on this one. But just remember as we trudge our way through this damn AIDS epidemic that for whatever ails ya, someone will have something to fix it. At a price.

School condom giveaway sinks...

A decision on efforts to make Tamalpais High School in San Rafael the first California school to dispense condoms without

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Lambda Community Fund establishes memorials for Tim Warford

The Board of Directors of the Lambda Community Fund has voted to establish a scholarship/grants fund in the name of its co-founder Tim Warford who passed away on June 28, 1990. This fund will be used for students who need financial assistance in their college studies or need help for a project benefiting the lesbian/gay community. Contributions may be sent to the Lambda Community Center made out to the Tim Warford Memorial Fund.

Also, each year at the Lambda Freedom Fair, the Tim Warford Community Service Award will be given for outstanding community service. Tim had a tremendous sense of community and set an example of community service by volunteering for what seems like an almost endless list of projects.

The third and last thing the Board of Directors has moved to do is establish a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner at the Center open to all who would prefer to spend these holidays with their "other" family members.

These three events/awards will serve as a fitting memorial for someone who contributed so much to our community through his selfless service and brave example in his fight against AIDS. ■

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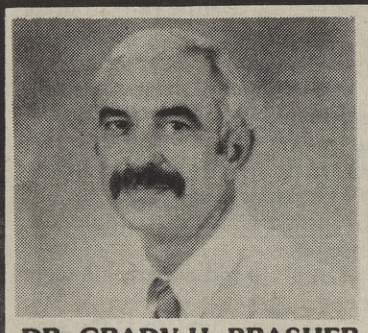
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parental consent was sidestepped by a Superior Court judge who said the program had to be approved by the school trustees. Students initiated the idea after the recent AIDS death of a very popular teacher there who asked them, the day before he died, to please always use condoms. Students have already demonstrated and signed petitions to try to get permission. Members of ACT-UP will help the students take up the fight again when school resumes in September.

Global epidemic may reach 10 million

The AIDS epidemic is dramatically escalating, with as many as eight to 10 million people around the world who probably are HIV-positive. U.S. AIDS experts say the numbers could not be considered definitive since information in many countries is virtually non-existent; even in this country experts can only guess at numbers since many high-risk people have not yet been tested. Sacramento AIDS Foundation deputy director Sam Schuchat says studies estimate about 4,000 area residents are infected with HIV and don't know it (this is in addition to about 1,000 known cases of HIV). The World Health Organization estimates that 3 million women and children will die of AIDS during the 1990s. The most unexpected surge is in Asia, where the number of people with HIV was at zero two years ago, and is now estimated at between 500,000 and 1½ million.

Asian-Americans grossly misinformed...

Asian-Americans in a San Francisco study showed a strong awareness of the existence of AIDS, but displayed "a high level of ignorance" about the virus' transmission. Most identified correctly the ways it's transmitted — sexual contact, blood transfusions, or sharing needles — but nearly all Chinese incorrectly added kissing, while 40 percent of Japanese added kissing. Three-quarters of the Chinese and one-third of the Japanese interviewed also thought you could get AIDS from a mosquito or by drinking from the same glass as a PWA. Many of the Phillipine youths didn't use condoms, believing that AIDS is a disease only of gay men.

Area physician endorses needle-exchange...

Dr. Neil Flynn, head of the UC-Davis Medical Center's AIDS Clinic, asked the Sacramento County Health Council to endorse a needle-exchange program to slow the spread of HIV among drug users. His plan made the San Francisco papers, and hopefully will be endorsed by Sacramento officials. A good needle-exchange program makes a great impact on the growth of HIV cases, as shown already in several cities throughout the country.

Positive Singles pool party...

Don't miss this month's get-together of single guys and gals who are HIV-positive and enjoy being with others of the same persuasion (or guys and gals who are negative and want to meet those cuties who've tested positive). This month the party's on Saturday, August 18. Call 447-5925 for address and other info.

Heat treatment disagreement...

In Atlanta, Kenneth Alonso and William Logan, the two researchers trying the controversial blood-heating process against HIV and KS, disagreed on procedures to the extent that they have dissolved their partnership.

New vaccine possibility...

Human tests in Britain of a vaccine called HGP-30 are "very encouraging," say George Washington University researchers. It's the first time an AIDS vaccine has caused a "killer" T-cell response in humans, they say.

The blue light campaign...

Blue lights in front windows are part of a growing push for a better national HIV policy. The Blue Lights Campaign symbolizes the slogan, "Until there is a cure, this is a sign of hope." Lamps are available for free (by calling (415) 863-3540) but donations are accepted and greatly appreciated.

Test to predict course of AIDS...

A patent has been sought on an experimental test to predict whether a person with HIV will quickly develop symptoms. Many people infected with the virus develop no symptoms for many years, but the reasons aren't fully understood. The principal reason, feel these UCLA researchers, is that the body fights back with antibodies believed to prevent the virus from infiltrating the immune system and which block the action of reverse transcripterase, an enzyme considered essential to the virus' ability to replicate itself. The test measures these antibodies. Researchers feel that people with high levels of these antibodies will be able to fight the virus longer than others.

Cloggers benefit at Faces...

San Francisco's fabulous Barbary Coast Cloggers will be in town to open the State Fair the weekend of August 17-19. Sacramento members Jim Stubbs and Scott Vorhees say that while the group is here, they'll dance on western night at Faces, Sunday, Aug. 19 at 9pm, to try to earn as much money as they can for the financially troubled Sacramento AIDS Foundation's Hand-to-Hand project and Hope House. Please be generous, enjoy this fantastic performance, and catch their act at Cal Expo during the weekend (4, 5 and 6pm)!

Drug stories...

* Some people say a garlic clove has more rapidly rid them of thrush (candida) episode. It burns your mouth and throat for about a half-hour, they say, but results can be seen within hours. Once the thrush is gone, results can be maintained with mycelex troches, nyzoral, or fluconozol. (And think about taking a garlic pill — the sociable, non-tasting, non-smelling kind PLEASE — on a daily basis. Some say it's helped them keep the thrush under control.)

* NEVER stop taking acyclovir for herpes outbreaks once it's begun without your physician's knowledge. Cutting back just because an outbreak is under control will ordinarily only make it harder to get rid of upon its return. Acyclovir is a continuous maintenance drug — not a "when you need it" medication.

* Those in Sacramento taking oral Interferon should coordinate closely with their physician, as well as the buyers club or group providing it, so that results can be documented, monitored, and recorded for future PWAs. YOU are the test cases — it isn't known yet how oral Interferon mixes with acyclovir, AZT, etc. Keep researchers and physicians informed so we can help each other stay well. (... and thanks!)

* Keep up the exercise or at least try to get massaged as often as possible to keep joints, shins, and muscles from hurting (invite a friend to a massage "party" for two — and try to stick to the business at hand!).

* Regarding Septra/Bactrim/Dapsone (generic name, Deraprin): Don't lay out in the sun if taking this potent pneumocystis drug; you can very easily get burned or develop unsightly blisters. Be prepared for allergic reactions between one day and three weeks after beginning this drug. Most PWAs are allergic to this sulfa drug, with reactions including high fevers, nausea, fatigue, severe depression, an itching red rash, and other severe symptoms (which go away when the medication is discontinued). This medication needs to be stopped as soon as the symptoms appear, but be sure to keep your physician immediately informed so that she/he can provide you a less toxic medication for pneumocystis control. Some symptoms such as fatigue or depression may be harder to identify than fever and a red rash. Be aware of these side effects and let your physician know what's going on with you. Keep yourself informed so that you can stay healthy and keep stress out of your life. Do NOT take this drug if you're allergic to sulfa medications. If you find yourself at a local emergency room in the middle of the night with a raging fever, THEY might not be aware that this is a Bactrim reaction even after you've told them it's one of the meds you're on. All physicians are not aware of all the stuff that goes with an HIV infection. (It takes years of working with lots of patients with a variety of HIV-related infections and diseases, not to mention a heart of gold and an incredible dedication to healing, to become what is classified as an "AIDS-knowledgeable physician.")

* Some people with KS say they see improvement in lesions by applying Carrisyn, a salve made from Aloe, used in combination natural therapy with alpha Interferon, AL721, and isoprinosine. A few physicians say isoprinosine is an immune-enhancer and should be taken as soon as HIV is diagnosed, but most experts say it simply doesn't work and is a waste of money.

Thank you to Dr. Bary Siegel for his medical oversight of this column, and to Dr. Elizabeth Harrison for her continual contributions to its content. ■

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Nick Pippin

Nick Pippin, an actor and founder of the People with AIDS Theater Workshop, died last month of several AIDS related infections. He was 35.

Mr. Pippin founded the workshop in 1987, the first such company to be composed entirely of people with AIDS.

His company won an Obie award for its 1989 production called *AIDS Alive*, at Don't Tell Mama, a midtown theater in New York.

He also appeared in the 1979 Warner Brothers movie *Simon* and the television series *Andros Targets* as well as more than 40 commercials.

He retired late last year after his illness confined him to his Manhattan home. In addition to his mother, Nita Pippin, he is survived by his father, Joseph Pippins of Pensacola, Florida and several other relatives.

The workshop was disbanded earlier this year after all but one of its actors died. ■

Raymond S. Peterson

Raymond S. Peterson, born and raised in Sacramento and Middletown, died earlier this month at age of 30.

Born in Sacramento, he is survived by his mother Norma Marshall, brother Greg Peterson and longtime friend and roommate Paige Gerhart.

He lived in San Francisco where he was employed at the Cambridge Insurance Company.

Mr. Peterson was active in several area recreational groups.

He returned to Sacramento in May 1990 and passed on in August.

The family asks remembrances be made to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. ■

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Bernhard's performance stew

by Matthew Kennedy
OF MGW STAFF

Sandra Bernhard is something of an underground pop phenomenon due to her work in films *(The King of Comedy, Track 29)* and on stage in her off-Broadway one-woman hit, *Without You I'm Nothing.* Now Sacramento can enjoy her unique and compelling brand of social commentary, music and satire in the film version of *Without You I'm Nothing.*

The movie is produced by stylish filmmaker Nicholas Roeg *(Performance, Don't Look Now, The Man Who Fell to Earth),* directed by John Boskovich and written by Boskovich and Bernhard. It is now at the Tower Theater, and playing indefinitely as part of the theater's new midnight movie series.

Without You I'm Nothing is very broadly a personal odyssey of self-discovery. Sandra's style has been described accurately as in-your-face humor. She's vulgar and loud and delivers speeches full of raw sexuality. None of it is leering; it comes off as funny and healthy in this era of censorship and an ever vocal right-wing.

Her style could be placed somewhere between the sweet irony of Lily Tomlin and the intolerance of Eddie Murphy or Andrew Dice Clay. Bernhard is firmly separate from the later two not by bitterness, which they all share, but by an absence of hate. Bernhard does not attack easy targets, but rather attacks a system that breeds social ills.

In documentary style format, friends (including actor Steve Antin) and her manager (Lu Leonard) speak to the camera about Sandra's ballooning ego. She must return to her roots, so she's booked at an upscale L.A. cabaret, the Parisian room. The film is a loose and opened up record of that live show, done before an amusingly indifferent black audience.

There is a great abundance of music in *Without You I'm Nothing,* including hot renditions of *Me and Mrs. Jones, Do You Wanna Funk?* and *Ain't No Mountain High Enough.* Her singing is passable, which is too bad. If she had a great voice, the show could stand as great music along with great social comedy.

American cultural references are whizzing by throughout the show while Sandra takes on various personas. First she appears as Nina Simone-type singer and gets upstaged by a Madonna-type stripper. She fantasizes growing up Gentile and being part of a "typical" American family celebrating Christmas, playing volleyball and teasing siblings ("You're so cute, Chip. I wish you weren't my brother so I could fuck you"). She appears as a third rate lounge singer, then an executive secretary in 70s San Francisco, climbing the ladder to success accompanied by Burt Bacharach tunes. Then there is the late 70s and the gay disco scene. Bernhard never shies away from *anything,* and a straight man's conversion to the gay disco world with the swing of a tamborine is hysterical.

There are blistering put-downs and impersonations of Barbara Streisand and Diana Ross. There is also a funny/sad monologue about Andy Warhol's estate sale. The piece captures the emptiness of social climbing and manages a few caustic remarks about rampant materialism as well.

For the finale, Sarah appears wrapped in an American flag, apologies for everything that has preceded, drops the flag and dances naked to a rousing interpretation of *Little Red Corvette.* The beautiful alter-ego Roxanne that has appeared in various moments throughout scrolls the movie's last words across a table cloth of the cabaret.

The work here is topical without being shrill. There is no steam roller obviousness in the movie's messages condemning racism, homophobia, censorship and sexism. Bernhard's unique vision as a performer is never compromised for the movie's social relevance.

Sarah Bernhard delivers performance art that feels uniquely rooted in the 90s. The thou-shall-not-produce-smut-with-tax-dollars clause imposed the National Endowment for the Arts, prophetic of the larger threats to freedom of expression, has created reactionary art that is strident, angry, and confrontational; Sandra Bernhard is very much a part of that reaction. Her art is unsettling and very hard to define, but her defiance against the forces of conformity is oddly comforting. It's good to know that a Sandra Bernhard is out there challenging the status quo in art and politics. ■

Sandra Bernhard: "Without You I'm Nothing" Photo by Jake Crain

Greg Louganis treads water in "Boyfriend"

by Terry Maloney
OF MGW STAFF

The Sacramento Music Circus rarely produces a show without at least one instantly recognizable name in the billing. These are usually the same people you used to see on *Love Boat,* and who now often pop up on *Murder, She Wrote.* It is a multifarious pool of actors, from your veteran comics like Tom Poston, to your Tony Award winners like Leslie Uggams, and to your hard-bodied gold medalists like Greg Louganis. Clearly, the producers of Music Circus seek out stars who may or may not be actors, rather than the other way around.

A graduate of UC Irvine with a Bachlors in dance and drama, Louganis was not a total risk for this relatively small role as the title character in *The Boy Friend.* As an actor, he was well cast as the boyish and dimpled poor little rich boy living incognito as a bellhop in France. The few steps he danced were nothing elaborate, but showed certain skill and were very appropriate for the love sick puppy he played. If it were limited to acting and dancing he most certainly would have pulled it off, but this boy's singing reminds you very quickly that he is an athlete.

Yet for the star's shortcoming, the show moved along happily with its strong chorus and hammy soloists. A British import, this musical was written in 1958, a spoof of the roaring 1920s. The deliberately vapid story hosts a gaggle of eccentric characters with colorful costumes, exaggerated movements and funny accents (English, French and American).

Director Glenn Casale did not stop at camp, nor did he limit his expectations to the transparency of the material. The show's depth lives in its parody of lovers, young and old, who, just before you call them idiots, begin to look awfully familiar in their clumsy love affairs. Particularly clever in this area is the chorus of women, who speak in unison half the time and look completely independent of each other the rest of the time. The comic talents of Cynthia Ferrer as Maisie and Nikki D'Amico as Dulcie raise moments of the show well above the Music Circus standard, which seems to move up every year. Also in notable performances were Peggy Hickey as Hortense, the surly but sultry French maid. Also, in possibly the largest role, Jane A. Johnston excels as Madame Dubonnet, a tangy mixture of glamour and frank desire.

As for Greg Louganis, I have no doubt his career as an actor will be prosperous. Cathy Rigby's was, and she was apparently in need of any and all theatrical training when she made her stage debut nine years ago in a Music Circus production of *Scrooge.* According to critics, she has since proved herself a highly competent performer. After playing the roles Louganis will have no trouble getting in his acting future, I am sure he will one day merit the size of his name in the program. ■

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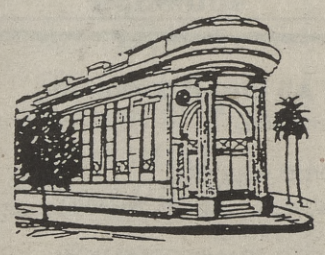

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early injury," said Isay, who has been in a relationship himself for a decade.

"In relationships, there is a sustained sense of being loved.

"This does not mean that *all* gay men have to be in relationships but it is great for somebody to be in a loving, sustained relationship over a long period of time."

While all gay men tend to suffer growing up, Isay draws a distinction between gay men who fit the traditional macho roles and those who don't.

The more traditionally masculine boy may not run into difficulty until adolescence — when peers begin to experiment with sex and the gay boy discovers he isn't attracted to girls.

"A male child who is homosexual does not have to behave in a feminine way in order to feel that there is something strange, weird and different about himself.

"All he has to do is perceive that he is unlike other boys in terms of his attractions and interests."

According to Isay, the more masculine adolescent is horrified at the thought of being gay because the stereotype of effeminate gay men he sees in the media — from movies to magazines and other icons of pop culture — is so negative.

"There are so few models of comfortable, intelligent, relationshipped gay men for kids to model themselves after and make them feel that they, too, can be healthy.

"For gays in adolescence, the stereotypes and models are so skewed, so unconventional — usually campy and not masculine or just strange and bizarre — that they look at these models and think I must be strange and bizarre."

As a result, the adolescent fights his natural impulses and slows down what should be a natural progression toward coming out.

Isay knows that detour well.

He's one of the ones who denied his basic nature and spent years trying to be heterosexual.

"Like any gay men, I was gay from a very early age but the recognition of my sexual orientation occurred somewhat later than I consider healthy."

Isay sees no reason why gay men should have to suffer in this unnecessary way. If society were more tolerant of sexual diversity, gay men would grow up very differently.

"If we were a more tolerant society, if we were unerringly and uncritically accepting of gay men, there would be much less internalized self-hatred and much more self-acceptance and a much greater capacity to form loving, mutually-respectful relationships."

Dell Richards is a syndicated journalist whose book, ***Lesbian Lists,*** *is available at gay and lesbian bookstores nationwide.* ■

MGW GUEST COMMENTARY

How to make progress in your community

by Drew Siegel
MGW GUEST COMMENTARY

I have frequently heard gay folk lament the lack of progress in lesbian and gay rights and AIDS legislation. Let me suggest several concrete steps to advancing our cause.

1. **GO NATIONAL!** There are several national organizations that fight for your rights in court and in state legislatures and Congress, as well as providing logistical support to small groups nationwide. They include the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (1517 U Street NW, Washington DC 20009), the Human Rights Campaign Fund (1012 Fourteenth Street NW, Suite 607, Washington DC 20005), Lambda Legal Defense Fund (666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012), National Gay Rights Advocates (520 Castro Street, S.F., CA 94114), National Center for Lesbian Rights (1370 Mission Street, S.F., CA 94103), and the Fund for Human Dignity (666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012). Remember: fundamentalists often tithe five or ten percent of their incomes to churches that wage effective anti-gay campaigns. Why not plan to give two percent of your yearly income in contributions to these groups as an investment in your freedom and dignity?

2. **GO INTERNATIONAL!** Two organizations provide a means of contacting and assisting gay/lesbian and grassroots AIDS activists around the world; individuals often struggling alone in violently homophobic countries: the first is Mobilization Against AIDS (1540 Market Street, S.F., CA 94102), which organizes an annual AIDS Candlelight memorial in hundreds of cities worldwide; the second is the International Lesbian and Gay Association (c/o RFSL, Box 350, S-101 24 Stockholm, Sweden), which works to create a network of groups spanning both developed and Third World nations.

3. **MAKE YOUR LEGISLATOR SWEAT!** Do this today: look in your phone book or call the Registrar of Voters or County Clerk and make a list of the addresses of your local, state and federal legislators. Then send them a note to this effect: "I am a supporter of full civil rights for gay and lesbian people, as well as laws protecting people with AIDS from discrimination and full funding to fight this disease. Please tell me what legislation you have authored or voted for that has advanced the cause of gay enfranchisement and a vigorous, humane response to the AIDS epidemic. Please keep me informed of your views and actions in this regard." I have worked in a California State Senator's office for a year and have yet to see a gay- or AIDS-positive letter such as this addressed to my boss. I *have* read many letters attacking homosexuals and those with AIDS. Politicians respond to two stimuli: contributions and constituent pressure. Send a postcard and make them sweat!

4. **READ ALL ABOUT IT!** There are several national publications — in addition to numerous local and regional newspapers — that serve our community. Just two examples are the *Advocate* (6922 Hollywood Blvd., 10th Floor, L.A., CA 90028) and *OUTLOOK* (2940 Sixteenth Street, Suite 319, S.F., CA 94103). Prove that we have a broad reading audience and subscribe!

5. **FIGHT DEFAMATION!** In addition to supporting gay and lesbian media, monitoring the general press is a daunting task that many of us have despaired of carrying out. How can one person correct the distortion and bias of the multitude of newspapers, TV stations and radio channels? The answer is the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (99 Hudson Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10013), media watch group with chapters around the country that monitors and responds to biased coverage with phone zaps and positive coverage with awards.

6. **MAKE MAMA PROUD!** Whether your parents fall into the category of loving and supportive or of grief-filled and antagonistic, there is an organization that will serve them well; Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. With chapters in cities and hamlets throughout America. P-FLAG offers weekly meetings that give parents struggling to accept their child's sexual orientation a supportive environment in which to learn and grow.

7. **MAKE MOTHER THERESA PROUD!** If there was ever a time to make a commitment to volunteer for local AIDS service organizations, this is it. The "San Francisco Model" cities have employed to care for those struggling with AIDS has begun to collapse due to case loads outpacing the available volunteer pool. Gay men should also consider volunteering at Women's Cancer Centers to aid their lesbian sisters in the same spirit of solidarity that women have consistently shown throughout this epidemic.

8. **ACT UP!** Let's say you've been faithfully writing checks, penning constituent letters and delivering meals, and yet you still question whether your actions have proven adequate. There is good reason for this incessant yet undefined feeling of impotence and futility. The great world beyond our Castro Streets and Greenwich Villages is still largely untouched and uncaring in the face of this devastation of our community. This monstrous slow-motion plague tht strikes us one by one in leisurely fashion gives the politicians and doctors and bureaucrats the luxury of ignoring us. If you feel this epidemic demands more than good works, find out where your local ACT UP! chapter meets and prepare yourself for a raucous, invigorating, exasperating evening of debate and strategizing. Best of all, you actually get to do something, whether it be disrupting the merchants' workday, harassing the complacent bureaucrat or merely waking the *straight masses from their* stupor.

These are my suggestions for the lesbian and gay activist who yearns to be well-rounded. Let's live long and prosper! ■

Local gay laws progressing in piecemeal fashion

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

BOISE, Idaho — Even though gays in half the nation still live under antiquated sodomy laws, an amazing number of cities, counties and states have passed civil rights legislation that protects gays.

More than 60 cities, 15 counties and 13 states currently have some type of civil rights protection on the books.

The ordinances vary greatly but, depending on the law, they do prohibit discrimination in everything from employment to education, housing and credit.

Most of the laws were passed in the 1980s but some got through as early as 1973.

Although grassroots organizing has been one of the fastest ways to have an impact on public policy, that type of piecemeal approach has led to many anomalies. The most amazing is cities, counties and states with sodomy laws that also have gay rights protections.

Alexandria, Va., and Austin, Texas, are two of the cities that have passed ordinances protecting gays even though both states have sodomy laws on the books. Both cities offer protection from discrimination in public and private employment as well as housing and credit.

Howard and Montgomery counties in Maryland are another example of the insanity. Both have passed ordinances giving gays a broad range of protections even though the state has sodomy laws.

In 1988, they were able to get a bill — the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill (HR 709 and S464) — introduced to Congress. It currently has 70 co-sponsors in the House and 10 co-sponsors in the Senate.

Although it probably will take years before this massive undertaking is accomplished, when the federal law passes it will supercede local law and give gays across the country equal civil rights.

For more information, contact NGLTF at 1517 U Street, Washington, D.C. 20009, (202) 332-6483. ■

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"How do I love thee?
Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach
when feeling out of sight
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.
I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candlelight.
I love thee freely, as men strive for Right
I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love
I seemed to lose
With my lost saints,
I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life!
and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.
— Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Let's go for twenty-five more years,
All my love, Joe

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Huge bust in Philadelphia bar

Police in Philadelphia arrested four people, confiscated more than 100 packets and vials of cocaine and crack, and shut down a popular Philadelphia black gay bar after a four-month undercover investigation.

More than 30 officers entered the bar on July 6 with warrants for the arrest of four patrons, who had allegedly sold drugs to undercover officers.

The department searched 150 people for drugs and weapons, seven, including the four warranted were arrested.

The police were accompanied by officers from the Licenses and Inspections Department and the Pennsylvania State Police Liquor Control Board.

According to police, the Smart Place did not have a business, food prepared or a dance hall license. The building was immediately shut-down because of fire-code violations.

— Philadelphia Gay News

Marines charge two, but gays still angry about attack

The commander of the Washington D.C. Marine Corps barracks has ordered his troops to respect the rights of civilians regardless of their sexual orientation, following a flurry of complaints about an assault against patrons of a local gay bar. bar..

Colonel Peter Pace issued the order after meetings with local gay activists, a city councilmember and a gay merchants association.

Witnesses said more than a dozen marines attacked three patrons outside Remington's about 3am June 17.

— The Washington Blade

Rhode Island gay rights bill fails by only one vote

Rhode Island was just one legislative vote and a governor's signature away from becoming the third state in the nation to protect gay people from discrimination.

The state House of Representatives came up with a 45 to 45 vote on a statewide Gay rights bill June 28, thus defeating the measure. The Senate passed the item on May 3 with a 24 to 22 vote.

The two states that have already passed anti-discrimination laws as has Wisconsin and Massachusetts.

— The Washington Blade

First male YWCA director quits

Aln Tiger, the first man ever appointed executive director of any YWCA has resigned as head of the Tacoma, Washington chapter.

Tiger's appointment two years ago sparked lawsuits and a national debate about the role men should play in women's organizations.

Tiger said the job has been high-pressure and that he is ready to be something besides the first male executive director of the YWCA.

Missourians mark Hardwick anniversary by planning 1991 strategy

The struggle to repeal and reform anti-sodomy laws continues on many fronts with significant developments in Missouri, Georgia, Kentucky and Michigan.

Activists recently gathered in St. Louis for a sexual misconduct repeal de-briefing and planning session on how to defeat sodomy laws in their home state as well as in Georgia, Kentucky and Michigan. The meeting coincided with the fourth anniversary of the Supreme Court's anti-sodomy ruling Hardwick vs. Bowers, in which the court upheld states' rights to pass and enforce sodomy laws.

Balloons burst in gust of Christofascist hot air

A Christian-owned and operated company in Iowa which fills orders for customized balloons, refused to print several hundred balloons intended to raise visibility for the Georgia Privacy Coalition's campaign to repeal that state's sodomy law.

Sue Hyde, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Privacy project, asked the owner to explain the discrimination.

The owner responded by writing "... homosexuality is your game and it is filthy, disgusting and wrong. And you know its wrong."

The balloon company also said "because the Lord owns this business, we cannot accept business that displeases him."

At a gay pride rally in Iowa City, Hyde quipped "I was not aware the Lord owned a balloon company."

You can reach the balloon company by writing: Lynn Griebahn at the Balloon House, Iowa City, Iowa 53340 or by calling (319) 354-3471.

Charge, dial and fly for gay rights

The Working Assets Funding Service has granted the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force $20,000 for its work on behalf of gay and lesbian civil rights.

Working Assets awards funds generated over the past year by its Visa, Mastercard, long distance or travel services. Every time a Working Assets member charges a purchase to his or her credit card, makes a phone call, or buys an airline ticket, a percentage of the bill goes to the working Assets Funding Service at no charge to the member.

Michigan sodomy law ruled unconstitutional

A trial court in Wayne County, Michigan became the second court in recent months to strike down a state sodomy statute on state constitutional grounds.

In reasoning similar to that used by a Kentucky court in early June, the Michigan court recognized the state sodomy law and related so-called "gross-indecency" laws violate every citizen's right to privacy under the state constitution.

Gay and lesbian events can be included in state calendars

According to the California Speaker's Office of Majority Services, gay and lesbian events can be published in the state events calendar because of a 1984 amendment to the California Tourism Policy Act.

The office has released a list of state organizations to contact in publicizing future events.

To obtain the list or for more information, write the Speaker's Office of Majority Services at 1027 10th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 or call 445-1453, fax 445-4862.

Gay, lesbian and bisexual veterans form National Organization

Gay, lesbian and bisexual veterans from throughout the country met in Washington, D.C. recently and formed an organization to continue the battle to end the military's policy of discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The group elected as its President, former staff Sergeant Miriam-Ben Shalom, whose 15 legal challenges against the military were rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court in February.

For more information on the project, call GLBVA at (414) 933-6543 or write 1350 North 37th Place, Milwaukee, WI 53208.

Prominent conservatives helping gay activism?

Gary Bauer, President of the Family Research Council, a Washington D.C. based division of "Focus on the Family," a lobbying organization, recently wrote in the group's newsletter that he fears conservatives may be helping gay rights by constantly voting against them.

"I was reminded of this during a visit with some pro-family state legislators. They thought it was shrewd of President Bush to invite gay and lesbian activists to the White House," he stated. "When I protested, they reminded me that evey time they vote against 'gay rights,' the gays respond by turning out hundreds of volunteers in support of their campaign opponents. The gays remember friend and foe come election day, and they work to put pro-family politicians out-of-office one by one."

Bauer also says the legislators told him they have never benefited from any "pro-family" vote and that the "family movement" must "get serious" about helping "pro-family" legislators stay in office..

You can write Bauer at Box 500, Pomona, CA 91769.

NGLTC extends lobbying and postcard programs

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has decided to extend two very successful lobbying programs.

The NGLTF postcard campaign for the federal gay and lesbian civil rights bill has circulated 125,000 postcards in 336 congressional districts. Since the campaign began in February, three Senators and five Representatives have added their co-sponsorship to S47 and HR655, the Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1989.

NGLTF has also extended the National Lobby Days program. The effort enables activists to lobby their Members of Congress in their congressional district. Activists are provided with a packet on issues pending along with information on the particular voting records of congresspersons.

HIV-infected person files suit against insurance company

A man with advanced HIV infection has filed a lawsuit in New York State Supreme Court asking for an emergency order to require his insurance company to pay for treatment.

The lawsuit, filed by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, charges the insurer, Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield, with refusing to pay for a bone marrow transplant for Thomas Bradley, in violation of his insurance policy.

Empire has refused to pay because it says the procedure is "investigational," even though the Food and Drug Administration and New York State's Medcaid Program have approved it.

Nonoxynol 9 increased risk?

Health officials have long recommended people use both latex condoms and the spermicide cream Nonoxynol 9 in an effort to prevent transmission of the HIV virus. But Michael Rekart, a researcher with the Vancouver Ministry of Health says Nonoxynol 9 might actually increase the risk of infection because of skin irritation.

A study of 71 prostitutes found that 48 percent complained of vaginal irritation from the spermicide, 8 percent reported yeast infections and 6 percent reported vaginal numbness.

Because the T4 cells infected by HIV cluster in inflamed areas of the body, the researcher says use of the spermicide could raise the risk of transmission by causing vaginal irritation.

Safe sex pays in Nevada brothel

Safe-sex appears to be paying off at the Chicken Ranch, a luxury brothel near Las Vegas, according to Dr. Gary Richwald, a UCLA professor.

Since March 1986, when condom use became mandatory in Nevada brothels, one case of gonorrhea has been reported, but not a single case of syphilis or HIV infection has been found.

The UCLA School of Public Health studied the health histories of 255 prostitutes who had contact with some 87,000 male customers between 1982 and 1989. The study was financed by the Nevada Brothel Association.

Smokers appear to develop AIDS quicker

Smokers infected with the AIDS virus appear to develop the disease faster than infected non-smokers, according to researchers at the University of California at Berkeley.

Data gathered during a 56-month study of 1,000 men infected with HIV indicated smoking was a significant factor in the onset of the disease.

Researchers say the immune systems cells are known to be directly affected by smoking.

Studds' attackers plead guilty; claim they were drinking

Claiming they were intoxicated and angry, two 19-year-old Maryland men pleaded guilty to assaulting Representative Gerry Studds (D-Mass) on June 8.

James E. Byrne and Thomas E. Carter told U.S. Magistrate Patrick J. Attridge that their attack against the openly gay Congressman occurred after they had been drinking at a college promotion night at a local bar.

In statements from their lawyers, the two reportedly said Studds did nothing to provoke them and that they had been angered by an unsuccessful search for their car. Both suspects said they did not know Studds was a member of Congress.

Studds, who has since recovered, says he does not consider the incident a gay-bashing because the men made no anti-gay remarks, despite the fact the incident occurred across the street from a gay bar.

The guilty plea came after the U.S. Attorney's office agreed to reduce an assault charge from felony to a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a $100,000 fine. The men were originally charged with assault on a member of Congress, a offense punishable with a maximum 10 years in jail.

Studds suffered bruises and lacerations to his face, but did not require hospitalization. ■

Dentist suspected of passing AIDS to patient

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

A dentist with AIDS may have spread the virus to a patient during a tooth extraction, federal health officials have reported. The finding, if accurate, is the first reported instance in which a healthcare worker has infected a patient.

The health officials cautioned that the possibility of another source of infection cannot be excluded. But they also said their investigation identified no other means by which a young woman might have been exposed to human immunodeficiency virus.

Health experts emphasized that the risk of infection by a physician, nurse or other health worker remains minimal. But they also said the report reinforces the need for policies to protect patients and perhaps even limit the use of certain procedures performed by infected workers.

The new report, from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, came one day after a report on an HIV-infected surgeon. An investigation found no evidence of virus transmission to the surgeon's patients, 616 of whom were tested for the virus.

Researchers reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* that the risks to patients is still quite low.

In the case of the dentist, the federal health officials reported that the patient was diagnosed with AIDS two years after having two molars extracted. Her dentist, who is no longer in practice, had been diagnosed with AIDS three months prior to the operation and had not told his patients.

The woman recalled that the dentist had worn gloves and a mask during the operation, as is required under standard operating procedures, the researchers said. She recalled no exposure to the dentist's blood or body fluids — a condition necessary to transmit the virus.

The Centers for Disease Control did not name the dentist or patient in the incident.

The CDC did note, however, that a comparable virus, hepatitis B, has been known to be spread during tooth extractions.

The researchers said that interviews with the woman, her family and friends, turned-up no other AIDS risk factors such as blood transfusion, intravenous drug us or artificial insemination.

But the researchers cautioned that risk factors involve personal behaviors that may not always be revealed in interviews.

Finally, the researchers analyzed AIDS virus DNA extracted from blood samples from the dentist and the patient. While the samples of genetic material could be distinguished from each other, they were sufficiently similar to suggest they came from the same source. ■

Photographer's work not so **traditional** in Hawaii

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

The women Jan-Michelle Sawyer photographed, use axes, hedge trimmers and weed-wackers everyday.

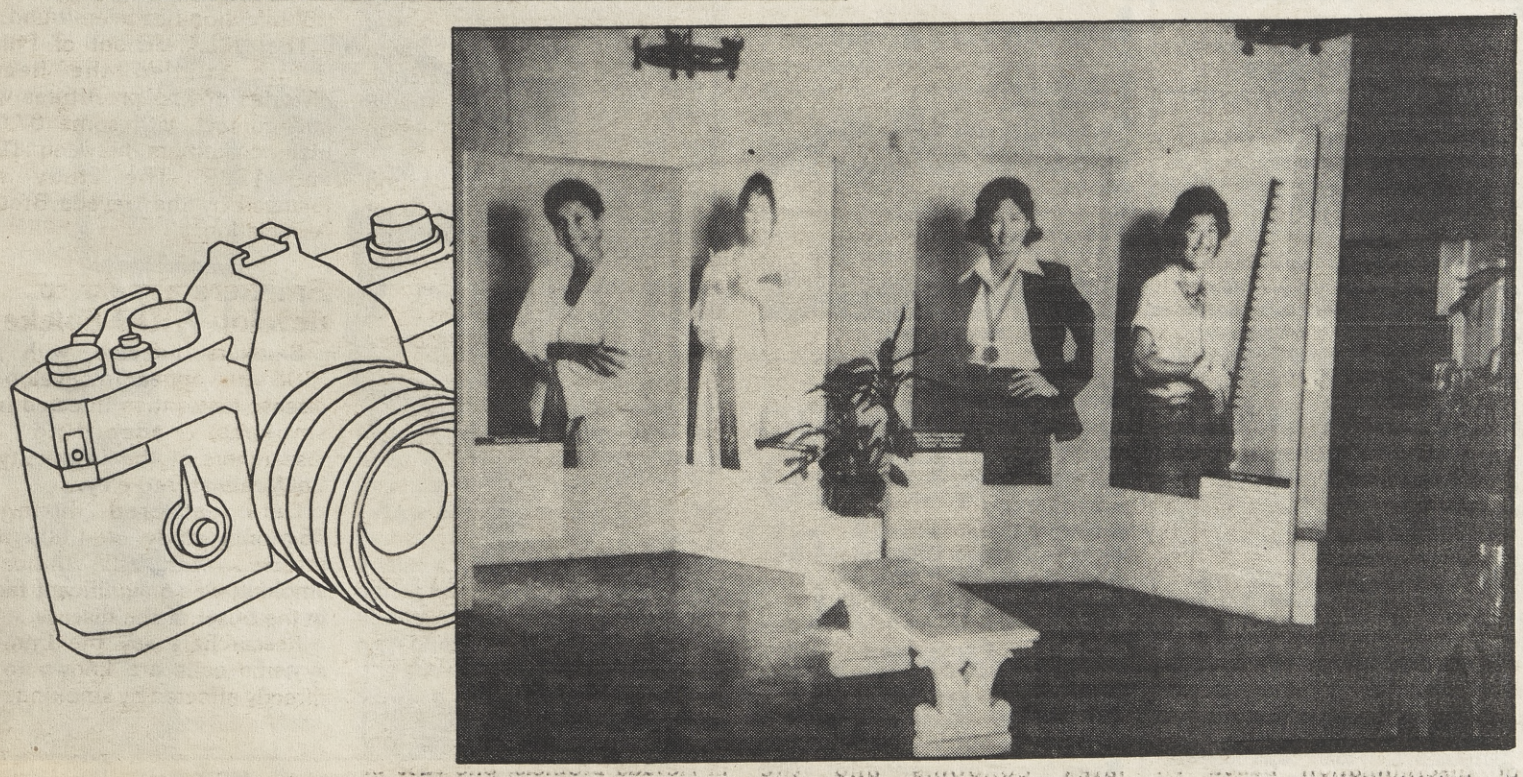
These are not the traditional tools of employment for women, at least in this society; and that was precisely the point of Sawyer's look at Women in Non-Traditional jobs throughout the state of Hawaii.

Sawyer, a professional photographer and marketing consultant, and a past Sacramento resident who now resides in Honolulu, was commissioned by the State of Hawaii last year to photograph 30 women in non-traditional jobs as part of the 50th state's Women's History Celebration last March.

While all of the photos were taken in the studio, the asked each woman to bring a prop from the outside world — something they use everyday on the job.

During the month of March, 15 of her 35-millimeter photographs were enlarged for an exhibit at Honolulu's Ala Moana Shopping Center. The photos are scheduled to tour the island chain later this year.

Sawyer, by the way, is a former nurse. ■



MGW Calendar

15 Wednesday

►**Senior Appreciation Day,** Natural Foods Co-Op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd., Srs. receive 15 percent discount on all purchases except milk. Store tour 10:30am, tea social 10am-noon.

►**Carnival Week** in Provincetown, Mass., Grand Parade of Floats, Masquerade Ball, (508) 487-6400, thru August 22.

►**15th Annual Michigan Womyn's Music Festival,** thru Aug. 19; WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458.

►**Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Town Council meeting,** 6:30pm, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St.

16 Thursday

►**1990 California State Fair Gala Dinner** 6:30pm, program 8:30pm. 924-2015 for tickets, info.

►**Sacramento AIDS Foundation** appears before the County Board of Supervisors, 9:30am, 700 H St. Community support is needed at the meeting. 448-2437 for info.

17 Friday

►**Barbary Coast Cloggers** appearing at the California State Fair, 4, 5 and 6pm; thru Aug. 19

18 Saturday

►**Herbiology,** Herbs for Changing Seasons (mini-seminar) Natural Foods Co-Op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd., 6:30-8:30pm, 455-2667 for info.

►**Sacramento Do Cats** Galaxie of the Stars 9pm, Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd, 646-4153 for info.

►**Positive Singles Pool Party** for single guys and gals who are HIV-positive, 447-5925 for info.

19 Sunday

►**Basic Foods,** Whole Foods on a Budget (cooking class) Natural Foods Co-Op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd., 5-7pm, 455-2667.

►**Softball,** Mercantile vs. Faces, noon; Wreck Room vs. Buffalo Club, 2pm; 21st & C sts.

►**Progressive Industrial Dancing** Roam Club, 15th & Broadway, Sundays only 8pm, $5 cover.

►**Cloggers benefit** at Faces, benefit for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 9pm.

25 Saturday

►**Sacramento AIDS Foundation Walkathon,** Century Walkers depart 6:30am from Folsom City Fark; 5-20 mile walkers depart 8:30am from Sunrise Access, 448-2437.

►**Music by Joey** presents "Hot August Night on the River City Queen," an event for women by women, 9pm-12am. Limited capacity, $30/person, $50/couple, 427-5713.

►**Free household hazardous waste disposal,** City & County of Sacramento, 9am-1pm, 21st & W sts, 368-6160 or 449-5757 for info.

►**A party for women** aboard the River City Queen. 9pm-midnight. 427-5713 for more info.

26 Sunday

►**Intro to Macrobiotics,** Natural Foods Co-Op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd., cooking class, 2pm-5pm, 455-2667.

►**Dignity,** 3pm Mass, St. Francis Chapel, 26th & K St.

►**Star Gazers Houseboat Water Ski/Sport Wknd,** Thrill Seekers, 454-6112, thru August 28.

►**Softball,** Wreck Room vs. Mercantile, noon; Faces vs. Buffalo Club, 2pm; 21st & C sts.

►**Front and Center Dance** for people 23 and under, 1213 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood, 1-213-464-7400.

28 Tuesday

►**Being Gay Today,** 10pm, Cable Channel 63.

►**Healthy Heart Day,** Natural Foods Co-Op, 1900 Alhambra. Store tour 10:30am, Fat Facts w/Dr. Alan Galitz, 12:15pm, Low-fat Cooking Class 5:30pm, Vegetarian Cooking Class 6:30-8pm; 455-2667.

30 Thursday

►**Women's Music & Comedy Festival,** thru Sept 3; Yosemite foothills, (818) 893-1593.

31 Friday

►**100 mile walk** to benefit Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Starts 6:30am in Folsom. 448-2437.

►**Rainbow Festival** in Sacramento. Nightly entertainment, street festival, 2000 K St. 736-0919 for info, thru Monday, Sept. 3.

►**Block Party Street Fair, BBQ,** 10am-5pm, MCC.

►**Russian River Jazz Festival** thru Sunday, Johnson's Beach, Guerneville, 707-869-3940.

►**Dito Gallery Fundraiser for the Hope House,** 7-9pm, 1724 L St, 441-3486.

9 Sunday

►**Rev. Delores Berry,** 9am & 11am, special service sanctuary.

►**A Tribute to You** see Aug. 8.

►**Dedication conclusion,** 6pm, MCC sanctuary, 454-4762 for more info.

►**Autumn Collectors' Fair** 7am-4pm (rain date Sept. 30), Old Sacramento, 443-7815.

►**South Sac Social.** Come and meet your neighbors. Monthly social group for men and women living south of downtown Sac. 395-5525 or 428-2815 for info.

10 Monday

►**CAP/PAC Quarterly Forum** "Gay Marriage", 5:30-7:30pm, Town House, 1517 21st St, 920-9587 for reservations/info.

14 Friday

►**Pillars,** Lou Camera Roast, Sierra Inn, 455-1771 for info.

15 Saturday

►**Fabulous Flea Market & Food Bazaar,** River City Democratic Club, 7am-3pmm, McKinley Park. To donate food, merchandise or rent space call 925-4667.

21 Friday

►**Sacramento Symphony,** Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich, Anne Akiko Meyers, violin; Carter Nice, conductor, 8pm; Sat.-Sun. performance 3pm; 649-0200.

►**14th Annual Blues Festival,** Old Sacramento, 443-8653.

22 Saturday

►**22 on the Road,** Dinner/Dance to benefit the Horizons Foundation in San Francisco. Call (415) 441-3651 for tickets.

A street not only in San Francisco. **Photo by Linda Birner**

The Blazing Redheads will appear at the Women's Music Festival later this month. See story on page 18.

20 Saturday

►**Women's Rap Group,** Lambda Center, 1931 L St, 7-9pm. 442-0185. Topic: Homophobia.

21 Tuesday

►**Harvey Gantt Fundraiser** 6-9pm. American River Commons Clubhouse, 2236 American River Dr. Complimentary food, drink; donations requested. 487-6068 for info.

►**Being Gay Today,** 10pm, Cable Channel 63.

►**PFLAG,** Sacramento Chapter, "Out in Suburbia" video topic. 7:30pm St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, 441-9510 for info.

23 Thursday

►**Bread Baking,** Natural Foods Co-Op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd., cooking class, 6pm, 455-2667.

►**Dito Gallery creation workshop** on fabrics, paints and beads 6-9pm. 1729 L St, 441-3486.

►**25th Anniversary Party: Pfingst Realty,** 4-8pm, 9978 Folsom Blvd., Refreshments, 362-1166 for info.

24 Friday

►**SACWN presents Betty Berzon,** Holiday Inn Holidome, Regis. 6:30pm, Program 8pm, 486-8985.

►**"Who will it hurt when I die?"** Seminar on probate & living trusts for lesbians/gays. Red Lion Hotel, 2050 Gateway Pl., San Jose, 7-9pm. 1-800-477-1404 for info.

September

1 Saturday

►**Lambda Community Center** High Tea, 3-6pm, 1931 L St. For members of 800 Club and Center volunteers. 442-0185 for more info.

7 Friday

►**19th Anniversary** and dedication, River City Metropolitan Church, thru Aug. 9, Broadway and 3rd Ave.

►**"Come Home"** weekend at River City MCC, 6-10pm, Western St. BBQ, on 3rd Ave. betw. Broadway and 34th

►**Country Western** live dancing, MCC Grand Ballroom, 7-11pm.

►**Occidental Inspirational Singers** in concert, MCC Sanctuary, 3418 Broadway, 8-10pm.

8 Sunday

►**A Tribute to the Memory of You,** 7:30pm, 35th at Broadway; $7 gen. admission, $10 sponsor, $15 benefactor; MCC AIDS Benevolence Benefit.

►**Sacramento Symphony** Gala Opening Concert, 8pm Community Center Theatre, 14th & L sts. Pepe Romero, guitar; Carter Nice, conductor; 649-0200.

►**3rd Annual Sierra Nevada Music & Crafts Festival,** thru Sunday, Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, begins 10am both days; musical guests include Judy Fjell; 265-0824.

►**AIDS benefit,** Greek Theatre, Berkeley, $25.

23 Sunday

►**Foothills Alternative Women's Network** Potluck/newsletter check-in meeting. Memorial Park, Grass Valley, 3-6pm. Celeste, 273-5743 for info.

28 Friday

►**Sacramento Symphony Pops,** thru Saturday, Weslia Whitfield sings the Great American Popular Song, 8pm, Community Center Theatre, 14th & L sts, 649-0200.

29 Saturday

►**Free household hazardous waste recycling,** City & County of Sacramento, 9am-1pm, 4110 Bradshaw Rd, 368-6160, 449-5757.

30 Sunday

►**Matrix 10th Annual Studio Tour,** 1725 I St., 11am-5pm, 441-4818 for maps, info.

October

1 Monday

►**Dialogue with RCDC** Impact of Sacramento City/County Consolidation on gays/lesbians. 6:30pm Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street.

Theater

Available for tour bookings in No. Calif. thru 1991 — *Get Real,* a play about kids, choices & well-being; target audience grades 4-6; (415) 861-4914 (presented by the New Conservatory Children's Theatre Co. of SF and the Federal Centers for Disease Control)

thru Aug 18 — *You Can't Take It With You,* Foothill Theatre Co, Nevada Theatre, Nevada City, 1-265-8587.

Fridays beginning June 1 — RSVP Improvisational Comedy Theatre, The Guild Coffee House, 35th & Broadway, $5, 442-RSVP.

thru Sept. 16 —*Les Miserables,* Curran Theatre, 450 Geary St., S.F.; call Ticketron for tickets.

thru Sept. 22 — *The Unexpected Guest,* Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd,

Aug. 10-12 — Villa Montalvo, Saratoga, *Lucia DiLammermoor, by Gaetano Donizetti in Italian, 12pm, 3:30pm.*

Aug. 13-19 — *Big River,* Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St, 441-3163.

Aug. 15 — *Stand-up Tragedy* Marines' Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St., SF, 415-243-9001 for info.

Great Theater Lives Here — Announcement of 89/90 Elly Award nominations, 5-7pm, Curtis Hall, Sierra 2 Arts Center, 2791 24th St, 925-3303 for info.

Aug. 17-19*Shirley Valentine* and *Bagdad Cafe* at Crest Theatre, 44-CREST for showtimes.

Aug. 19 — War Memorial Opera House, Opera Center Grand Finals features the participants of the 1990 Merola Opera Program, 7pm.

Aug. 20-26 — *Ain't Misbehavin,* Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St, 441-3163.

Aug. 23-26 — UCD extension, Oregon Shakespearean Festival, $400-$425, includes transportation, four plays, backstage tour, accommodations, lectures; (800) 752-0881.

Aug. 28-Sept. 2 — *Peter Pan,* Community Center Theatre, 441-3163.

Sept. 7 — 68th San Francisco Opera Season. Opera dinner, 5-7pm, curtain 7:30pm. After performance Ball War Memorial Opera House, 301 Van Ness, S.F. 1-415-565-6431.

Sept. 11-Oct.7 — *Driving Miss Daisy,* Sacramento Theatre Co, 1419 H St, 446-7501.

Sept. 12-Oct. 7 — Theatre Rhinoceros presents *Roy,* a world premiere by Joel Ensana, 2926 16th St, S.F. 1-415-861-5079 for info.

Sept. 14-Sept. 30 — Woodland Opera House, 1990-91 season, *The Drunkard,* 666-9617 for info.

Sept. 14, 16, 17 — *Tosca,* Sacramento Opera Assoc, 442-4224.

Sept. 22-Oct. 21 — *1990 Street of Dreams,* Los Cerros Community in Folsom, 10am-9pm daily, $6, 362-3342.

Sept. 25-Nov. 4 — *The Lisbon Traviata,* Marines' Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St., S.F., 415-474-3800 for info.

Oct. 6 — Woodland Opera House, *Flamenco Fantastico,* 666-9617 for info.

Oct. 23-Nov. 18 — *Heartbreak House,* Sacramento Theatre Co, 1419 H St, 446-7501.

Nov. 16, 18, 19 — *The Gypsy Baron,* Sacramento Opera Assoc, 442-4224.

Feb. 26-March 24, 1991 — *The Good Person of Setzuan,* Sacramento Theatre Co, 1419 H St, 446-7501.

March 1, 3, 4, 1991 — *The Tales of Hoffman,* Sacramento Opera Assoc, 442-4224.

Art Galleries

thru Aug. 17 — Mixed Media Works by Alida Manning; Matrix Members Gallery, 1725 I St, 441-4818; reception July 14, 7-9pm.

thru Aug. 17 — Introductions '90; Karen Fulk, Jane Goldman, Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St, 441-4818; reception, July 14, 7-9pm.

thru Aug. 24 — workshops on Art and Architecture, Sacramento Children's Museum, 1322 O St, 447-8017.

thru Aug. 26 — California Light, 1900-1930, Herold Gallery, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.

thru Aug. 27 — New Exhibition of Art at Shenandoah Gallery; Le Chai at Shenandoah Vineyards, 12300 Steine Rd, Plymouth; Tasting room at Sobon Estate, 14430 Shenandoah Rd, Plymouth; (209) 245-4455.

thru Aug. 30 — Daphne Ritzen, Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm.

thru Sept. 30 — Sacramento Children's Museum "Sacramento Architecture," hands-on exhibit, 1322 O St, 447-8017 for exhibit hours/fees.

thru Dec. 2 — Edward Weston: Idols Behind Altars, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.

thru Aug. 31 — Waif Mullins, "Paintings rendered in pastel" and David Vargo "Earthenware sculpture" at the Michael Himovitz Gallery, 550 Pavilions Lane, 925-5917.

thru Aug. 31 — Group Show, John Michael Keating, Tony Sinclair, Carol Setterlund; Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St, 442-1771; Reception Aug. 11 7-9pm.

thru Aug. 31 — Ground Level, group show (watercolor, oil, sculpture); Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St, 442-1771, Reception Aug. 11, 7-9pm.

thru Aug. 31 — Chooi Goh, clay sculpture; Kelli S. Kelly, triptych paintings on wood panels; Eric Wyss, figurative clay sculpture. Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th St., Tues-Sat 11am-4:30pm; reception: Sat, Aug. 13 6:30-8:30pm.

thru Oct. 21 — Crocker Art Museum, Manuel Neri: Bronzes, Ose Gallery in the Pavilion, 216 O St.

Sept. 1-28 — Dito Gallery special exhibition for Hope House, 1724 L St, 441-3486.

Sept. 2 — Harvest Show, new exhibition at Shenandoah Gallery, 12300 Steiner Rd, Plymouth, CA. Reception 1-4pm, (209) 245-4455.

Sept. 4-29 — Michael Himovitz Gallery, Morrie Camhi: The Prison Experience; Al Farrow: Heads; Phoebe Gloeckner, Aline Kominsky-Crub, Drystine Kryttre, Diane Noomin, Carol Tyler: Five Twisted Sisters Bring Bad Girl Art to Sacramento; 1020 10th St.. Reception Sept. 8, 6:30-8:30pm.

Sept. 7-30 — North & South America's Best, Maria Guilhermina & Jim McVicker, Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St, 442-1771; Reception Sept. 8, 7-9pm.

thru Sept. 9 — Scenes of Wonder and Curiosity: Ted Orland; Library Gallery, Crocker Art Gallery, 216 O St., 449-5423.

Sept. 11-Nov. 15 — Diego Rivera Drawings: Mexico & California, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.

Sept. 13-Nov. 4 — Folk Treasures from Mexico, highlights of the Nelson Rockefeller Collection, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.

The newest edition to the MGW staff

Victim unsatisfied with sentence

Gay basher sentenced to 3 months in jail

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

A man who admitted to the felony battery of a Sacramento woman has been sentenced to less than three months in jail.

David Maurice Cleveland, 23, of Sacramento, was sentenced on July 5 to three months in jail, minus the eight days he was incarcerated before arranging bail, for the beating of Vicki Vaughan.

Vaughan was assaulted April 22, 1989 while protecting patrons of Joseph's Town and Country Bar where she was employed as a security guard.

"I am definitely not satisfied," said Vaughan.

To make matters worse, the Victim/Witness program, which oversees financial assistance for victim counseling, informed her by letter that she was not eligible for aid because the case had exceeded a state-prescribed time period.

Ironically, Vaughan claims the judge in the case wrote in an official transcript, that the Sacramento Police did not pursue the case expediently.

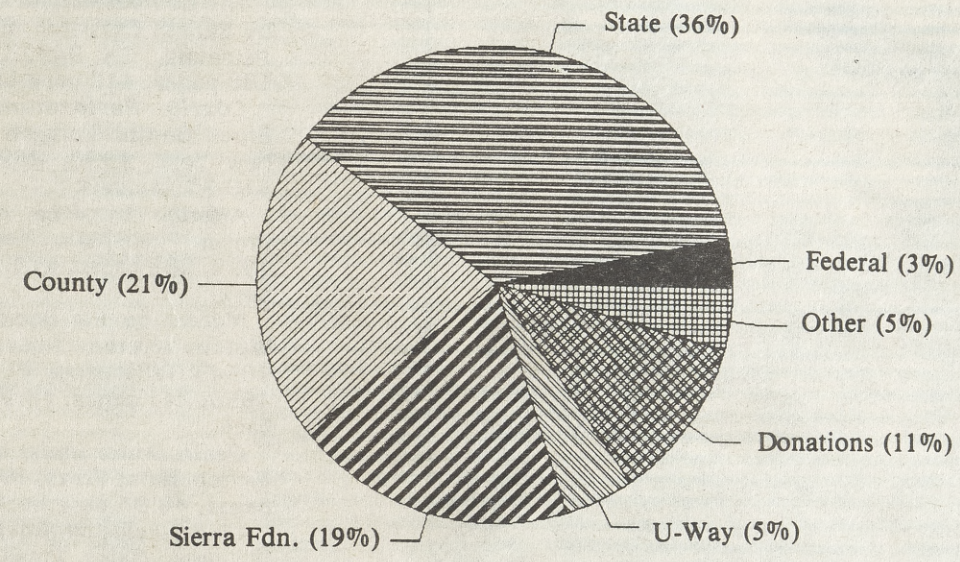
MGW was unable to verify Vaughan's claim because court transcripts were not immediately available.

Even though convicted of another assault in 1984, as part of a plea bargain with the Sacramento District Attorney's Office, Cleveland admitted to felony battery with bodily injury. He reportedly could have been charged with several other statutes.

The sentencing hearing, delayed from July 5, was just one more chapter in what has become a seemingly unending ordeal for Vaughan.

Critical of police who she says did nothing for the first five months following the incident, Vaughan says she may take her case to the American Civil Liberties Union. ■

Sacramento AIDS Foundation revenues by source '89-'90
Total budget $1.95 million



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Governor cuts AIDS

by Michael Varacalli
OF MGW STAFF

Again this year Governor Deukmejian took a hatchet to the state's AIDS budget. He vetoed $9.8 million from the state's Department of Health budget for AIDS programs.

Overall, California's AIDS budget is $126.4 million, which includes $53.1 million in federal funds. AIDS caseloads rose to 26,000 in 1990.

Some of the programs vetoed by Deukmejian include the following:

$455,000 cut from the health insurance premium subsidies;
$150,000 cut from Adult Day Care;
$2.5 million cut from Pilot Care Projects;
$6.7 million cut from Early Intervention and Prevention. ■

Budget completed — finally

by Michael Varacalli
OF MGW STAFF

According to the State Constitution, a state budget is required to be through the Legislature and signed by the governor by July 1 of each year. Unfortunately, there are no penalties attached if the parties fail in their duties.

Failure is exactly what this year's budget was all about: Failure on the part of the elected "leadership" of this state. Governor Deukmejian did not sign a final budget until the last day of July — 31 days late, by that time most counties were on the edge of financial disaster, welfare recipients were wondering if they would have money to live on, state contracts and wokers went unpaid, and Sacramento looked for all the world as if its capitol was just an oversized plan pen for spoiled children.

What happened? Much of the initial problem was beyond anyone's control. California's tax intake fell dramatically short of all expectations, thus leaving less money to cover expenses. At the same time, the population of the state increased by record amounts. Prison and welfare caseloads swelled. The end product of all that was a $3.6 billion gap between revenue available and the amount needed to maintain services at last year's level.

During his seven years as governor, Deukmejian has hacked away at social programs until many feel that there is just nowhere left to cut. Democrats refused to budget. Republicans refused to raise taxes. The governor displayed his usual lack of foresight and leadership.

By the time the budget fiasco was over all sides had lost the battle. The public views the Legislature and the governor as a bunch of idiots incapable of the ability to govern. Some "revenue enhancement" schemes were enacted but the heart of the state's problem was not addressed. It will come back to haunt us next year. Counties are facing massive cutbacks due to the lack of state support. All involved should be thoroughly embarrassed.

Ironically, several initiatives will be before the voters in November which can only be bolstered by the pathetic performance on the budget. Propositions 131 and 140 both deal with limiting the terms of elected officials in the state. One of the major arguments used for these is that politicians in Sacramento become so entrenched in the system that they lose touch with the reality of their constituents. Politicians have done little to counter that argument with their recent behavior. ■

Area man injured in incident in downtown Sacramento

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

A man was treated at Sutter General Hospital for injuries he received in what was apparently an anti-gay attack.

Information the victim told *MGW* and that contained in the police report, conflicted.

The victim, who wished only to be known as "Don," said he was attacked in an alley off 18th Street between I and J. Police say the crime was reported from a residence at 19th and H.

The victim said he was walking home from the Hof Brau on 17th and J streets. Police said he told them he was walking from his home at 7th and I to a friend's house at 30th and I.

Don said a man allegedly grabbed the victim's hand and placed it on his groin. The attacker allegedly pushed Don into an alley where he removed his pants and beat him for several minutes.

"He asked if I was gay and if I wanted to have sex with him. I said 'yes, I am gay' but I wasn't sure I wanted to have sex with him,"Don said.

"I am extremely fortunate, but others might not be," said Don. "I want to see this guy caught."

The man, identified as a hispanic about 5'6 tall, weighing 180 pounds, was reportedly on a 10-speed bicycle when he attacked.

The police report was filed August 4 around 12:30am.

Luckily, Don escaped serious injury and only lost $30, his pants and keys, in the incident.

The man claims to have spotted his attacker around town several times since the attack. At press time, police had called the victim in to look at mug shots, but no arrests had been made. ■

Small group cleans up

by MGW STAFF

A small but enthusiastic group of workers showed up to help clean up Sacramento's unofficial gay beach recently.

Sacramento AIDS Foundation organizer Jerry Love said he was not at all disappointed with the turnout, especially for 8:30 on a Saturday morning.

A total of seven people appear at the North 10th Street location to collect bottles, condoms, litter and other items that were part of complaints filed by area business in past months.

Sacramento Police Captain Richard Gregson also was on hand to provide special parking for those helping out.

Last month, Deputy Chief Lee Dohm said police made a mistake in not giving wider notice of a crackdown on sex and nudity at the beach in which 70 men had been arrested.

In the days following a meeting between gay community leaders and the mayor, and City Councilwoman Heather Fargo, Dohm said, police made one additional arrest for solicitation. ■

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Full coverage of Gay Games in the next issue of MGW
MOM...GUESS WHAT!

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RCDC plans special activities

The River City Democratic Club (RCDC) invites members and non-members to participate in three special events scheduled for September and early October.

A "Fabulous Flea Market and Food Bazaar," set for 7am to 3pm on Saturday, September 15 at McKinley Park (on McKinley Blvd. between 30th and 35th), will feature baked goodies and other food, used merchandise, and the opportunity to rent a space for $15 to sell crafts, antiques, etc. To donate food or merchandise, or to reserve a space, call Sonny Helm at 925-4667.

RCDC's September meeting at 6:30pm on the 18th will combine a potluck and "members bring a non-member to dinner" with the Club's endorsement of candidates for November. Watch for details about the location or call President Karl Greene at 927-2029.

A special "Dialogue with RCDC," focusing on the probable impact on lesbians and gays of consolidating Sacramento's city and county governments in November, will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, October 1. Registered voters will decide whether or not the present nine-member City Council and five-member County Board of Supervisors will become a 12-member Council of Supervisors with 20 local community councils.

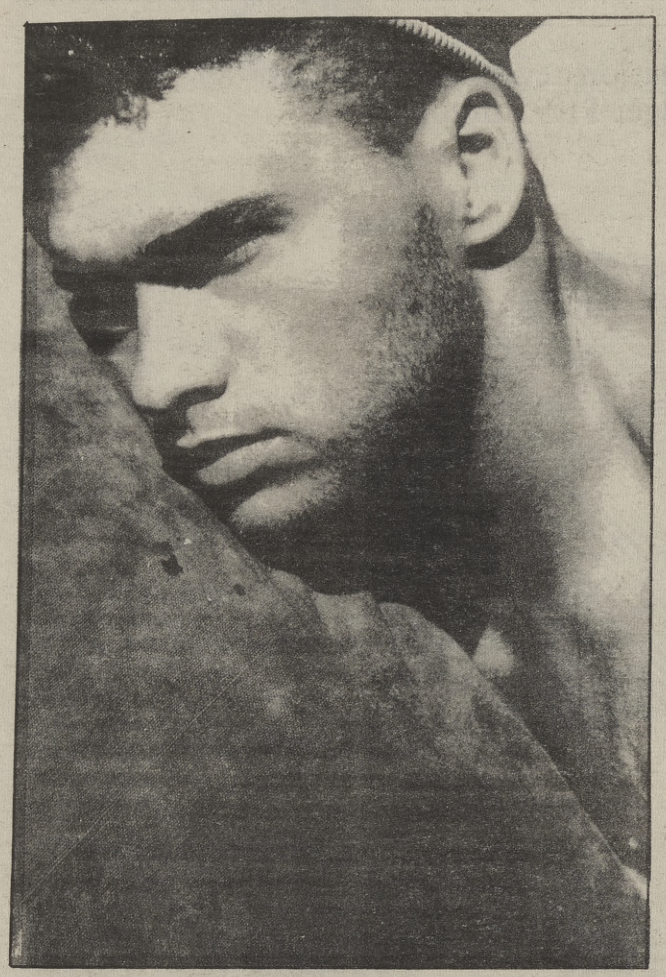
Concerns for the lesbian and gay community include the future of the city's gay rights ordinance, implications for lesbians and gays of merging the eight-to-one Democratic City Council with the more conservative communities in the county, and gay politics in Sacramento.

Fundraiser to Dump Helms

There will be a fundraiser to benefit the Harvey Gantt for U.S. Senate campaign from 6-9pm on Tuesday, August 21 in the American River Commons Clubhouse, 2366 American River Dr. (at the corner of Howe Ave.)

Harvey Gantt is a black former mayor of Charlotte who is runing against the notorious reactionary and homophobe Jesse Helms in the North Carolina senatorial race. If elected, the liberal Gantt will be the first black senator to be elected from the south since reconstruction.

The event will offer guests complimentary food and drink. Requested donations are on a sliding scale from $15-$50. For information, call 487-6068.



Better than ice cream!

reviewed by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

***Athletes*, photography by Patrick Sarfati, Bruno Gmunder Verlag, 1990, $25.95.**

This collection of men photographed by French photographer Patrick Sarfati is magnificent!

There are more than 50 pages of color and wonderfully balanced black and white photographs, all profiling muscular, good-looking European men stripped down to their essentials. The book leaves you always wondering and wanting more.

The photographer is unbelievably successful in capturing the electrifying, erotic nature of the gods his lens captures.

While the book is erotic for sure, it is in no way nasty. This work is something any openly gay man could be comfortable leaving on his coffee table.

The short preface, by Edmund White, is also worthwhile but pales in comparison to the exciting photos of the well-developed bodies.

Since 1979, Sarfati's photographs, including some of those in this latest collection, have been on display throughout Europe. In 1990, he received the Award for Young European Photographers.

While I have not seen his other creations, *Shoreleave*, *Body-scopes*, or *Body-shots*, *Athletes* is a collection not to be missed. ■
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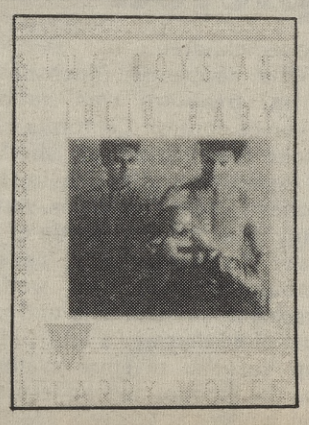


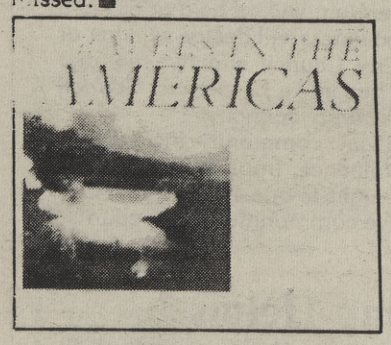
Two men and a baby

reviewed by Lisa Worth
OF MGW STAFF

***The Boys and Their Baby*, by Larry Wolff, St. Martin's Press, 260 pages, $8.95.**

For those who are familiar with San Francisco, Larry Wolff's vivid descriptions of the city and its environs in *The Boys and Their Baby* are captivating. Wolff's debut novel was originally published in 1988, and has been re-released by St. Martin's press as part of the Stonewall Inn Series. The book is both a story of coming of age and at least nominally a mystery. The naive Adam moves to San Francisco in order to teach English at a private high school, leaving behind unresolved relationships with his choice of names for Adam (the first man) and Huck (likable, youthful Huckleberry Finn) but then he goes on to have Adam's mother, an English professor, explain these references in her letters.

While this first novel is problematic, it touches on the little explored topic of mens' attachment to children seemingly unrelated to them, and if for no other reason makes it worth reading. ■



Traveling in America

reviewed by Marilyn Jordan
OF MGW STAFF

***Travels in the Americas*, edited by Jack Newcombe, Widenfeld & Nicolson, New York, NY, 1989.**

Travels is wonderful summer-time reading for anyone interested in American history and/or literature. This book is full of fascinating stories from writers such as the more modern Margaret Atwood, Joan Didion and the more vintage Jack London, John Muir and Mark Twain, back in the days when he was known as Sam.

This book takes you on trips back in time to the days of the wild west, among other places. Just a sample of the stories include: a cattle drover who rode 3,000 miles back to Florida to visit his Mother; Mari Sandoz' "Cheyenne Autumn" about a dwindling band of Cheyennes' return home; Robert Louis Stevenson's "Silverado Squatters" has you jumping freight trains across the west and Ernie Pyle's story of Old Nevada — "a place filled with only white sun and empty distance."

Excellent reading for history buffs, and even those who aren't. This book is just a step back in time to a different America than the hustle and bustle we now live in. A pleasurable experience that is at your fingertips anytime for a mini-fifth dimension vacation. ■

Bits and pieces

reviewed by Joyce Bright
OF MGW STAFF

***The Compassionate Universe* by Eknath Easwaran, Box 477, Petaluma, CA 94953, 1989, 188 pages, $12 paperback.**

***Costly Performances* by Bruce Smith, Paragon House, New York, 1990, 262 pages, $19.95 hardback.**

***Afterlife* by Paul Monette, Crown Publishers, New York, 1990, 288 pages, $18.95 hardback.**

***Murder by the Book* by Pat Welch, Naiad Press, Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302, 1990, 241 pages, $8.95 paperback.**

***Death Down Under* by Claire McNab, Naiad Press, 1990, 220 pages, $8.95 paperback.**

***Club Twelve* by Amanda Kyle Williams, Naiad Press, 1990, 267 pages, $8.95 paperback.**

***The Chesapeake Project* by Phyllis Horn, Naiad Press, 1990, 206 pages, $8.95 paperback.**

***Lesbian Queries* by Jennifer Hertz & Martha Ertman, Naiad Press, 1990, 94 pages, $8.95 paperback.**

***Theme for Diverse Instruments* by Jane Rule, Naiad Press, 1990, 192 pages, $8.95 paperback.**

***AIDS Treatment News (Issues 1 through 75)* by John S. James, Celestial Arts, Berkeley, CA, 1989, 522 pages, $12.95 paperback.**

Drawing on the insights of Mahatma Gandhi, whom he met in the 1930s, Easwaran shows in *The Compassionate Universe* how our mental attitudes and way of life have created present threats to our ecosystem. He believes we can undo the damage by recognizing our role as trustees of the earth and its resources, and by making small changes in our everday lives. For example, by not eating beef each person saves one acre of rain forest a year. Moreover, Easwaran believes that individual health and fulfillment are consistent with enviromental conservation. Easwaran, who came to the U.S. in 1959, is founder of the Blue Mountain Center of Meditation, has written over 16 books, and has taught and lectured on the classics of world mysticism for more than 25 years. His is a gentle and wise voice.

Costly Performances is a detailing of Tennessee Williams eccentric life from 1979 to 1981 in Key West. We are treated to Williams on his fellow writers, show business, and the actors who portrayed his introspective roles. Certainly the 1960s and 70s were a personal hell for Williams and he spent a good deal of time drinking and doing drugs. For the 80s Williams envisioned a renaissance, both personal and professional. He took better care of his health and a more disciplined approach to his writing. Unfortunately the professional theatre world no longer tolerated him. In this book occasional serenity does surface at the end of the playwright's life, but a greater sense of bitterness and loss pervade. We are given an insider's, behind the scenes view of the sad, tormented, but strangely peaceful end of one of America's greatest writers.

Paul Monette has written several successful screenplays and novels. But the memoir of his lover's death by AIDS, *Borrowed Time*, propelled him into national prominence and brought him several book awards. His new novel, *Afterlife*, is a realistic, poignant and funny exploration of the lives of three AIDS widowers. Set in Los Angeles, Monette portrays three very different men who form a small widowers group after their lovers die within days of each other. This is Monette's best novel by far; he creates characters who continue to touch me long after reading the book.

Murder by the Book is the first novel in what promises to be a series of Helen Black mysteries. Helen Black, a former cop, is a private investigator living in Berkeley. Her first client is a wealthy lesbian whose lover is a prime suspect in the death of an employee in a bank vault. One of eight bank employees has to be guilty. But which one? And why? This book was fun to read.

Death Down Under is the third Detective Inspector Carol Ashton mystery. Four women are strangled with an orange cord, their bodies ritually arranged. Like all serial killers this one will be hard to track down, and will most certainly kill again unless stopped. The Australian press has sensationalized the murders, especially the fact that one of the victims is a lesbian. This fact, and the involvement of one of Australia's premiere TV personalities who is also a lesbian, adds pressure on Carol's tenuous personal relationship. This is McNab's best novel to date, adding depth to the characters created in her other novels.

Club Twelve is the first lesbian espionage novel. Madison McGuire is a deep cover agent for NOIS and a legend in the intelligence community when her lover is gunned down on a London street in 1978. Madison, paralyzed with grief, leaves the field. But now she is called back to work, needed to identify the multi-national group of terrorists known as Club Twelve. In pursuit of Club Twelve through the capitals of Europe, Madison is caught up in a scheme designed to badly damage America. Pursued by agents from her own country, Madison calls on old friends — and a new lover — to extricate her country from an insidious plot. For a first espionage novel this is a pretty good one. The characters are a little simple, but the plot is not. Besides, a lesbian spook by the name of Madison is refreshing in and of itself.

The Chesapeake Project brings in the FBI and big time drug dealings. But that is rather late in the novel. Jessie's father is murdered. A waterman on Chesapeake Bay, he took his tall young daughter out with him when harvesting crab. Now Jessie realizes she is a target, involved in a mystery that makes no sense.She flees her small town with her young lover Meredith. Pursued by killers, Jessie and Meredith relocate across the Bay, Jessie impersonating a man and seeking work on the water. This is an extremely well-written book, the setting and personalities fresh and nicely drawn.

Lesbian Queries is a parlor game for lesbians. In a series of 197 questions, one is given space to comment on anything from the serious to the very humorous. For example, "Is it possible to maintain a healthy gay identity if the majority of your friends are straight?" Or "Is meeting your date's cats as stressful as meeting her children?" Some of the questions will cause controversy, some will make you think, and some will make you laugh. However, if you're having a new group of people over and don't know what to talk about, this book will get a conversation going.

Theme for Diverse Instruments is a new release of Jane Rule's 1975 collection of short stories. Reviewed previously, this writing is as good as anything Rule has ever done. It's great literature.

AIDS Treatment News is a complete and updated compilation of the biweekly newsletters by the same name. Published between April 1986 and March 1989, these newsletters have become one of the foremost information resources in the medical fight against AIDS. Reporter John S. James has researched and written about every potential AIDS therapy, and here, in one volume, are the first 75 issues. ■

Will there always be an England?

reviewed by Walter Gorski
OF MGW STAFF

***Facing the Tank* by Patrick Gale, Dutton, $18.95.**

***First Light* by Peter Ackroyd, Grove Weidenfeld, $18.95.**

***Thomas Lister, a Cambridge Novel* by David Wurtzel, Avon, $3.95.**

***Cherton* by David Telfair, St. Martin's, $14.95.**

A recent poll of Britain's young working class found them to be conformist and alienated — safety seeking, hard drinking folks who felt that "there were too many Blacks in Britain" and that "homosexuals disgust me."

Thank goodness then, for the above four novels! Funny, sexy, philosophical, and resplendently multi-racial lesbian and gay characters don't let anyone get them down (And looking around in our own country, this isn't a bad plan for us as well...)

Facing the Tank is set in a provincial town, where an American professor is researching the notion of heaven. Nothing and no one is what it seems, and worlds collide in some of the smoothest and funniest prose this writer had read in a long while. *Cherton* is similarly set, and will remind fans of the *Lucia* novels. If you are in need of a good laugh, these are best bets.

Thomas Lister is a troubled coming out novel. Berkeley boy goes to grad school at Cambridge and glimpses the abyss: the divergence between his staid past life and his exciting yet troublesome future.

For those fascinated by Stonehenge and its builders, *First Light* details the excavation of a major neolithic monument in the English countryside. Part mystery thriller, and part meditation on the results of our astronomical and archeological wonderings, this book was a best seller in England. A troubled archeologist, a wonderfully imperious lesbian civil servant, locals of the Larry, Darryl and Darryl variety, a retired TV comic and a crazed astronomer show how far, and not so far we've come to answering the Questions of Existence. It might not be such a bad idea for our English cousins to set that brew down, pick up this book, and look to the Rainbow. But then, it isn't a bad idea for us, either. ■

MGW FINANCE

Retirement — Sooner than you think!!

by Catherine Whitney, EA
OF MGW STAFF

Retirement seems a distant dream for most of us, but present reality is that without planning **NOW,** the dream will never come true. Following a joint project of the American Association of Retired Persons and the Administration on Aging, many alarming facts came to light. According to the report, most Americans' income is cut in half at retirement. The study revealed that the median yearly income for older men was only $11,854, while for women it was a shockingly low $6,734 each year.

Most of us are becoming aware of the fact that even if Social Security is available when we retire, it will not cover our total needs.

1989 Social Security Maximum Benefit: $11,040

1989 Social Security Average Benefit: $6,588

How many of us could actually live — even at a lower standard of living — on amounts such as these?

Perhaps even more alarming is that few elderly Americans have any comprehensive financial plans at all and only 7 percent long-term health insurance.. What are the solutions to these important problems? Careful analysis points to the fact that planning is the one and only key to the retirement dilemma facing most people today. And this is what Americans seem to do the least!

Statistics show that for the average American, Social Security (if available) will make up only 20 percent of retirement needs and a company retirement plan (if provided by the employer) will make up another 40 percent. This leaves the remaining 40 percent to be supplied by an individual's personal savings. Regardless of a person's current age, it's never too late to start saving for retirement. The longer saving for retirement is put off, the lower a person's standard of living will be at retirement.

Let's consider an illustration of how much earning power a person has during his or her lifetime and his or her ability to save significant amounts of money over a working lifetime. First, let's compute a measure of how much someone can earn during his or her career. The sum is astounding.

While working incomes vary from individual to individual, a good example is the "Earn Your Age" guideline starting at age 25 to 65, using a normal working lifetime of 40 years. In this scenario, gross income should be approximately the same as age. For example, $25,000 at age 25, $26,000 at age 26, etc. up to $65,000 at age 65. Using the "Earn Your Age" format, from age 25 through 65 a person will earn approximately $1,845,000. It seems amazing! If one could manage to save a mere 5 percent of income each year (invested at 10 percent at the beginning of each year), a person will have saved $824,310 by age 65. Then, if these savings were invested at a 10 percent rate of return, a person will have an additional $82,431 per year. By saving this 5 percent from each paycheck, the income at retirement will be substantially increased. By saving 10 percent of income each year, a person would save $1,648,629. Once again, invested at 10 percent these savings would add $164,863 to a retiree's income from investment earnings alone. This should allow most Americans to maintain their current standard of living in comfort.

Remember — it's never *too* late to start a retirement plan, but definitely the *sooner the better!* Enjoy rather than dread the retirement years of life. ■

MGW LAW

Nominee remains an unknown on gay rights and abortion

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

Weeks after his nomination, gays and lesbians, and the world at large, are still unsure who David Souter is, and what changes in law he could bring to the Supreme Court, if confirmed.

Acting with expediency, President Bush nominated 50-year-old Souter, a federal appeals judge, less than 72 hours after Associate Justice William Brennan, 84, the leader of the Supreme Court's shrinking liberal wing, submitted his resignation.

The nomination of Souter, a solid conservative with a limited record on controversial issues, is expected to win easy confirmation in the Senate because most of his judicial service was on state courts where he was not required to review federal constitituional questions on abortion and other highly divisive issues.

Souter, if confirmed, is expected to strengthen the court's conservative majority. He was originally appointed to state courts in New Hampshire by two state governors, Meldrim Thomson and John Sununu, the current White House Chief of Staff. Souter was also said to have been a prominent contender during the Reagan administration's difficult appointment process that saw two nominations, Robert Bork and Douglas Ginsberg, defeated by the Senate. Sacramentan Anthony Kennedy, a conservative, emerged as the new justice.

Just what changes in law the addition of Souter to the court might make are still very unclear. More and more, however, is being learned about his background as scholars research his law history.

"We are surprised. We thought it would be a staunch conservative," said Rosemary Metrailer, a Sacramento attorney. "It is still too early to be able to say much about him — at this point, I really don't know much more than you do."

As of press time, Souter had written only two opinions dealing with abortion as a judge or as a New Hampshire attorney general.

Nine years ago, he urged the New Hampshire legislature not to pass a bill requiring judges to approve abortions for minors.

Souter, an Episcopalian, wrote a committee chair that his fellow superior court judges did not want to be forced to decide whether a minor who did not have parental consent for an abortion should be allowed to terminate her pregnancy.

In another opinion, Souter said doctors have a responsibility to test for birth defects and inform pregnant women of the option of abortion.

The Republican is also known for having reversed a sexual assault conviction because defense witnesses were not permitted to testify that the victim had behaved in a sexually provocative manner before the attack.

While President Bush said abortion would not be used as a "litmus test" in confirmation hearings, abortion rights advocates vow to pressure the Senate to ask Souter's position on abortion.

Gay rights advocates are also pondering the nomination because Souter has written opinions that allowed gays to be barred from adopting children and serving as foster parents, but not from operating childcare agencies.

A lifetime bachelor, Souter has a distinguished academic record. A Phi Beta Kappa, he received his undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard and was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University. ■

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Richard Isay:
Growing Up Gay in a Straight World

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Richard Isay — Cornell University professor of clinical psychiatry — knows how damaging growing up in a heterosexual culture can be for gay men.

For the past 20 years, the Yale-educated New Yorker has watched his clients — 95 percent of whom are gay — fight the devastating effects of being different in a culture that values sexual conformity above all else.

Isay — who is gay himself but denied it until well into adulthood — studied 40 gay men and recently wrote a book, *Being Homosexual*, about his disturbing findings.

"In our society, to be gay is to be bad," said Isay.

Among his controversial conclusions:

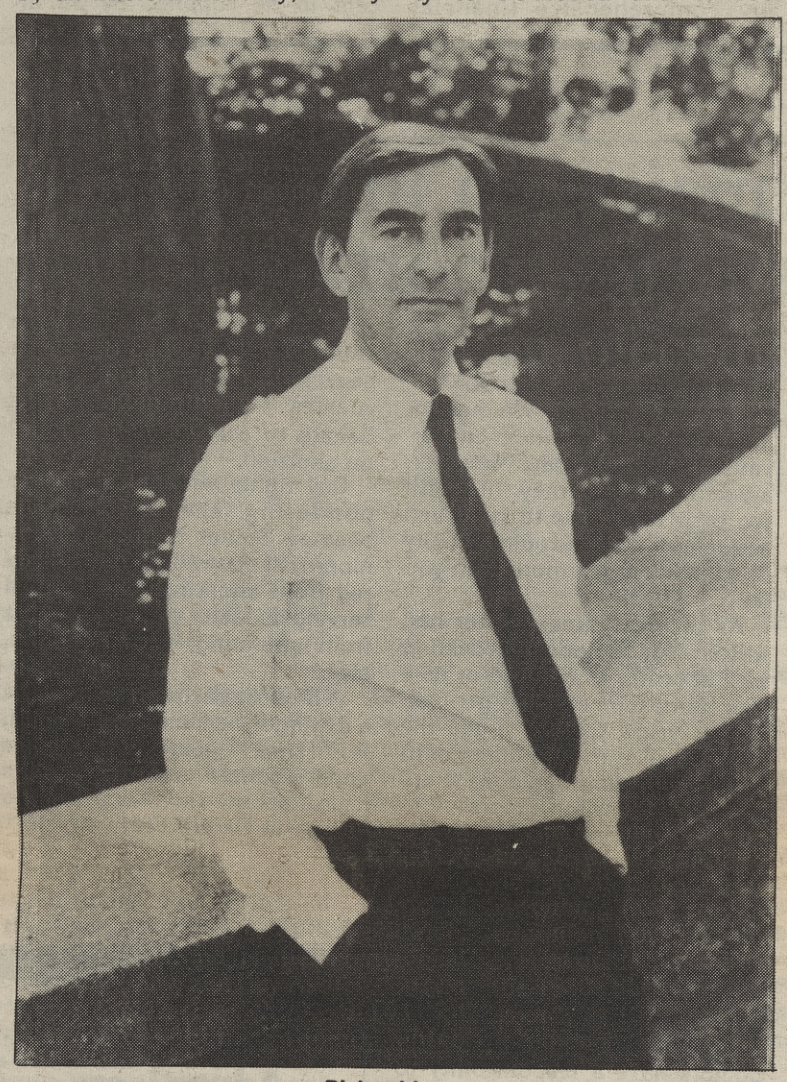
* Gay men grow up thinking there is something wrong with them because they are different.

* Because of this different, they are rejected every time they turn around — from their father in infancy to their peers in adolescence.

* This continual rejection destroys their sense of self and makes them think they aren't worthy of love.

* Even if they do find love, they often destroy it — which is a double-whammy since a relationship is one of the best ways to repair a damaged sense of self.

* These problems are caused by an intolerant society, not by anything inherently wrong with gay men.



Richard Isay

While Isay's theories may also apply to lesbians, he will *not* speculate what the effects of growing up gay might have on women because he hasn't studied them.

But for gay men, the feeling that there is something drastically wrong with them begins at a very early age. This sense of being different makes them feel like misfits in a world that is upside down, said Isay.

"From a very early age, the gay child sees he is unlike his peers in terms of interest. When he goes to school and again in adolescence when he has an upsurge of sexuality, he feels even more strongly unlike his peers," said Isay.

"And he feels rejected."

Even after the gay man begins to create a positive identity in adulthood, the negative effects of childhood and adolescence reverberate in the most crucial area of his life — his relationships with other men.

Time after time, Isay said, gay men destroy their love life because they have known nothing but rejection — and on an unconscious level, expect nothing but rejection.

"For gay men, the self-esteem is most devastated in the capacity to be loved and to feel lovable."

After 20 years of seeing gay clients whose major problems were caused by society, Isay has come to the conclusion that neither he nor his clients are sick — and that they have as much right to grow up in accordance with their real nature as anyone else.

"Where something feels so natural and normal to us, it is impossible to imagine we are not what we are," said Isay.

But being born homosexual into a conformist-ridden heterosexual society makes growing up gay with a healthy self-image nearly impossible.

The first rejection usually comes from the father. And less masculine boys — those who are effeminate from an early age — have an especially hard time.

They often are labeled "sissies" and rejected by fathers who can't stand their son being a "wimp."

This is doubly hard for the gay male child who usually gravitates toward his father for love and attention because he has a much stronger attachment to him than his mother.

"The feeling of difference comes, by and large, from a different sexual orientation — that is an attraction to the father," said Isay.

Isay's findings dispute one of the most commonly-held theories of homosexuality — that it is caused by overbearing mothers who make sissies out of their sons.

According to Isay, just the opposite happens.

It is the heterosexual boy who usually basks in his mother's love while the gay boy often is rejected by the one person who matters most — his father.

"Most fathers sense at some level that this attachment is more powerful than they are comfortable with — and this causes them to withdraw," said Isay.

When the father pulls away, the child ends up feeling that he isn't worth loving.

"What usually follows is the feeling that the father doesn't really want him."

Peers also sense this basic difference. They often treat the gay child with kid gloves, rejecting him in many obvious — and more subtle — ways.

This continual rejection stunts the gay child's development at the very time he would normally be developing a positive sense of self.

"The self-esteem of gay men is continually assaulted and this can have a devastating effect," said Isay.

The gay man has had to deal with so much rejection in life that rejection becomes second nature, said Isay.

"Many gay men have a fear of rejection because of their early experiences in the family and because of peer rejection with school and friends. They often put themselves in a position where they repeat the pattern and are rejected again."

This scenario — and the anger it creates — haunts the gay man and thwarts his ability to have loving relationships in later life.

"If one has a sense of sustained rejection throughout one's life, it inevitably makes for rage.

"Then when somebody tries to get close, there is a tendency to want to get back and treat others as you've been treated."

For Isay, this is an unnecessary tragedy.

He feels that love — particularly the kind of long-lasting love seen in permanent, intimate relationships — is one of the best ways to heal early psychological wounds.

"My bias is that relationships are good for the self-esteem, particularly when there has been an

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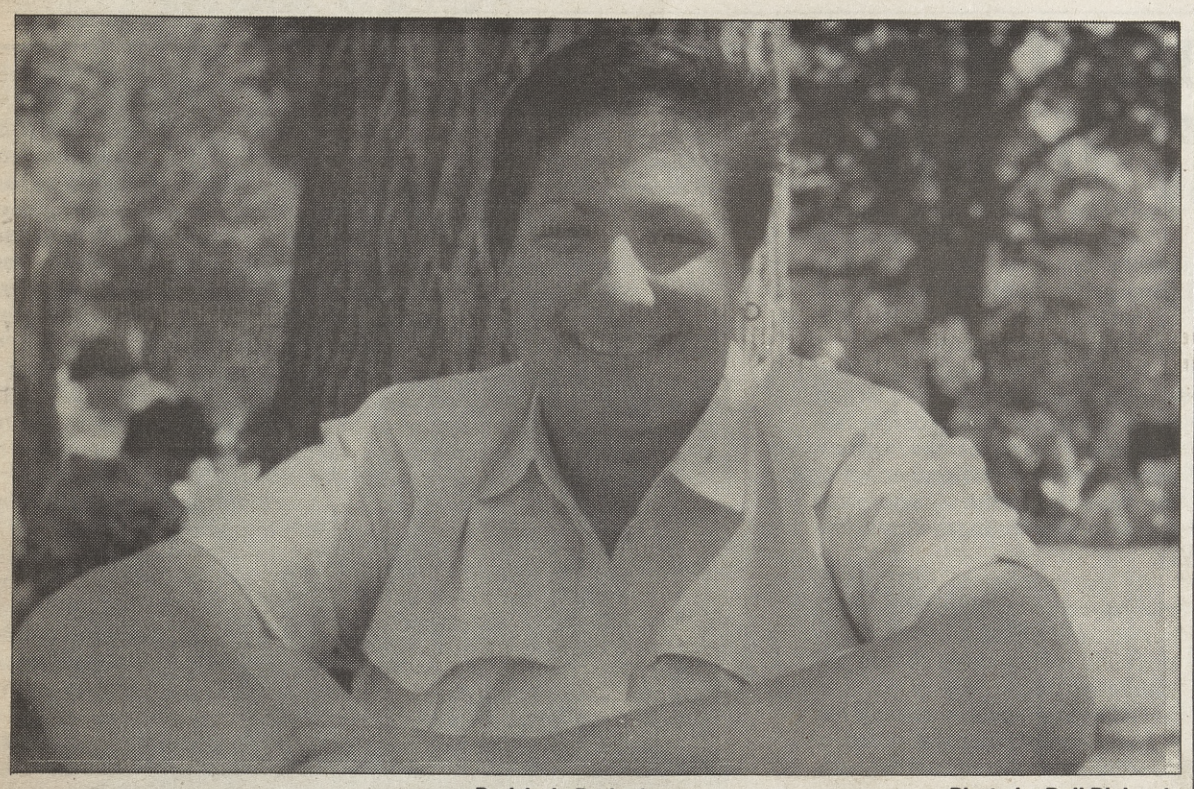

Peri Jude Radecic — Photo by Dell Richards

Radecic: Crimes bill a good step — keep going

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

BOISE, Idaho — Peri Jude Radecic, 30, has been working her heart out for gay rights ever since she joined the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) in the nation's capital nearly three years ago.

During those 30-plus months, Radecic has seen remarkable changes:

* The first gay parades in conservative cities like Boise, Idaho, Des Moines, Iowa and Norfolk, Va.

* The passage of civil rights ordinances in towns like Pittsburgh, Pa., Rockville, Md., and even Raleigh, N.C., arch-conservative U.S. Senator Jesse Helms' home town.

* The passage of the monumental Hate Crimes Bill which include the words "gay and lesbian" in federal legislation for the first time.

Despite massive opposition, with these recent successes under her belt, she expects to see a federal gay rights bill enacted in the next decade.

But she knows that gay rights at the national level is being held back by the slow pace of change in states that have sodomy laws on the books.

"States with sodomy laws are a real problem," said Radecic, legislative director of the NGLTF.

"Federal legislation can't pass because of legislators from states where that behavior is still criminal."

That hasn't stopped the woman who was named for St. Jude — the patron of lost causes — from waging an uphill batle to see that gay legislation succeeds.

Radecic thinks she not only has right on her side but also believes she has a certain amount of mystical might in her court, too.

To help her cause, this practicing Catholic lit candles and prayed to St. Jude for help during the Hate Crimes fight.

"I vowed that Jesse Helms was going to lose — and lose big," said Radecic.

Lose he did: The vote in the Senate was 77-19.

And it was the first time an anti-gay amendment of his was defeated — a tactic Helms (R-NC) has used consistently to end run gay legislation.

For gays, the victory marked a crucial legislative turning point.

Gays will be able to prove with statistics that violence against them happens with shocking regularity and is one of the most brutal weapons in the heterosexual arsenal.

Since the law will be enforced by the FBI at the national level and police stations at the local level, it also will give gays a way to train police to see and respond to anti-gay prejudice.

"Law enforcement is sometimes our worst enemy," said Radecic.

"Now, they will have to collect data and they will be trained to spot bigotry when it comes out in violent behavior."

But it wasn't just ritual and candles that brought the Hate Crimes Bill through the torturously complex Capital Hill process of getting legislation signed into law.

Radecic also had been working on getting Congressional sponsors who could line up votes, building coalitions with other liberal groups in Washington, D.C., and creating grassroots support from gays across the nation.

"Despite opposition, we didn't buckle under," said Radecic. "We got in the doors of members of Congress and kept in there."

According to Radecic, the clear-cut victory also gave gay political power a much-needed legitimacy. For the first time, gays were able to get legislation passed that didn't center on AIDS.

"We became a credible political entity."

To pass the bill, NGLTF was able to tap into a growing gay political momentum that started with the 1987 March on Washington, D.C.

"Since the March, there has been an explosion of organizing in the gay and lesbian community.

"When a gay and lesbian community puts its mind to organizing and becoming visible, it begins getting civil rights protections."

But as long as sodomy laws still exist in half the states and the District of Columbia, a federal gay rights bill has much less chance of success.

Until sodomy laws are off the books, senators from conservative states can use them as an effective way to bar the passage of any gay civil rights legislation.

Jesse Helms leads the pack but other legislators — such as Steve Symms (R-ID) — use the law to viciously attack gays.

"Senators like Symms get on the floor and say whatever they want."

As such, sodomy laws not only hurt gays in "slave states" but also hurt gays in "free states."

Most importantly, the statutes restrict the economic opportunities of gays across the nation.

Gays from states like California have to hide their sexuality if they want to join the military.

"The U.S. military uses sodomy laws as an argument to keep homosexuals out," said Radecic.

Gays who want to move up the career ladder often question the psychological and political price they would have to pay if they transfer to a state with sodomy laws that are only enforced against gays.

"The laws are not used against straight people found necking in cars," said Radecic.

And sodomy laws have even more subtle, insidious effects.

Despite the parades, sodomy laws create a climate of fear that makes it hard for gays to exercise their right to free speech and political expression.

"People are gripped with fear because of the law," said Radecic. "They could be prosecuted. They could lose their jobs, housing and children."

Gay parades have gotten off the ground in many unlikely places. But it is often gays who have moved from free states — who take gay civil rights for granted and are unwilling to bow to the psychological pressure — who have the courage to lead the charge.

Unfortunately, no state has repealed sodomy laws since the 1986 Hardwick decision that justified the selective enforcemet of sodomy laws against homosexuals.

But half a dozen states have come close.

And Radecic thinks that getting sodomy laws off the books is a necessary phase in the gay community's legal evolution.

As she talks, she fires off the necessary ingredients for the repeal:

* Psychologists who say that homosexuality is normal and no longer considered a mental illness by the American Psychological Association.

* Lawyers who can stress that the American Bar Association has been in favor of repeal since 1954.

* Religious leaders who will say their denomination welcomes homosexuals.

* Gays and lesbians who will testify that sodomy laws are selectively enforced, and

* Lobbyist who will either help the gay cause or turn a blind eye if they represent repressive organizations.

Given time, Radecic hopes that this unconscionable form of discrimination will change.

As gays begin to flex their political and economic muscles, they will make their presence as effectively felt in Congress as they have city halls and state legislatures across the nation. ■

Daughters of Bilitis: Founders join registry

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, founders of the Daughters of Bilitis, the nation's oldest lesbian organization, and authors of *Lesbian/Woman,* have registered with the Human Rights Campaign Fund's National Family Registry.

The Registry was created as a central repository for lesbian and gay families. "We have been living together as a couple for more than 37 years. Legally however, we are strangers," the couple said as they registered.

"We went to a seminar on 'How Not To Be A Bag Lady In Your Old Age,' sponsored by the San Francisco Community College District. We learned that the home is protected when one spouse (heterosexual) is in a nursing home and required Medicaid. In our case we would have to sell half of the house — which is not an option when you have one bedroom and two cats," Martin noted.

The HRCF National Family Registry, an outgrowth of the Campaign Fund's Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project, provides an alternative "institution" to conventional marriage. In doing so, the Registry is an affirmation of the love, commitment and support of lesbian and gay relationships.

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Bistro also has a delicious collection of pastries to offer.

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The Bistro, while serving primarily Italian food, also offers American food.

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Robin Tyler: gays must stop being the "victims" in life

by Dell Richards
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Los Angeles — Here. Run this past your homophobic neighbor:

"If homosexuality is a disease, why aren't all the telephone operators, gym teachers, hairdressers, doctors and lawyers, calling in sick to work?

If you're greeted with a gaping mouth, the joke has worked.

It and other one-liners are the masterworks of comedian Robin Tyler, 47.

She uses such one-liners to show heterosexuals the fallacies of their stereotypes — and to show gays the great diversity and strength of their community.

For a warrior like Tyler, the perfectly penned phrase is mightier than the sword.

"Comedy is a serious weapon," said Tyler. "It is a tool of resistance."

And for nearly three decades, Tyler's direct-hit political wit has made her a coveted speaker at gay pride marches and rallies across the nation.

She has rallied the troops at pride celebrations in San Francisco, New York, Boston and Dallas.

The first week in August, this Canadian native will be returning home in triumph — as the master of ceremonies for the opening and closing of the 1990 Gay Games in Vancouver.

Even when being the entertainer, the message behind Tyler's jokes is deadly serious.

Her current thrust is to get gays to stop seeing themselves as helpless underdogs.

"We need to start thinking of ourselves as survivors, not victims," said Tyler.

Her aggressiveness and directness have sometimes drawn criticism from the gay community. But that hasn't stopped her from seeing herself as a leader — and also a prophet crying in the wilderness.

"I am not a comic, I am a visionary," said Robin Tyler. "I *was* a comic."

"There is no such thing as 'just kidding.' Comedy is the razor-sharp edge of truth."

She currently is waging a one-woman crusade to mold the incredibly diverse and often splintered gay movement into a stronger, more politically effective force.

For a visionary, Tyler has some very down-to-earth ideas. For one, she would like to see the gay community focus on a few main issues.

"We must find a common ground," said Tyler. "We need to realize that it's okay to be diverse but we don't have to embrace every issue.

"We need one issue that embraces us all."

For her, that issue is health care.

Estimates are that at least 20 to 25 percent of the gay community do not have health care, even though more than half of them work.

If you add partners not covered by their lover's health plan, the number of uninsured and underinsured skyrockets.

In most industrialized countries, everyone has access to decent medical care — no matter what the income.

The exceptions are the U.S. and South Africa.

"The one thing this country needs is a national health system," said Tyler.

"We need to recognize that health is not a privilege of the rich but a right of everyone. People deserve to be healthy in the wealthiest country in the world."

Tyler feels that the lack of health care is hitting the gay community harder than the rest of society — and that only rich, healthy gays are immune:

* AIDS care already is taking a tremendous toll on the health care system of local communities. Much of the current care is based on volunteerism or the financial health — and good will — of the local gay community.

As the number of AIDS cases climbs, critics say that the whole system will collapse — and gay men will be the ones to pay the ultimate price.

* As single women, many lesbians already bear the brunt of poverty and its ugliest cousin, lack of health care.

* Gay people of color already know what it's like to face discrimination every time they try to get adequate health care in this country.

Tyler is not alone in her concern. The situation is so bad that members of Congress are trying to tackle this seemingly insurmountable issue.

Such prestigious senators as Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) and John D. Rockefeller IV (D-W.Va.) are delving into the morass and gearing up for a long and involved battle.

The main argument against health care is money.

But Tyler says that the money is there and taxes have to be shifted away from defense — not raised.

"We have the money; we just have the wrong priorities," said Tyler. "America believes in war — let's make it a war on disease."

Working gays already pay double for health care — in employee benefits.

Whether single or not, gays usually get covered only as individuals on company health plans. Rarely, if ever, is the gay spouse included.

Yet for heterosexuals, health plans cover the employee, spouse and children.

"We already are paying for it — in more ways than one," said Tyler. ■

Robin Tyler — Photo by Dell Richards

Gays need patrol for personal safety

Los Angeles — The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force reports that there were more than 7,000 assaults on gay men and lesbians in 1989, including 62 murders in 40 states.

Although the incidents of violence are slightly lower than the past year, the fact remains that gays are being attacked in record numbers.

A study by the *San Francisco Examiner* showed that seven percent of all gay men and lesbians were victimized this past year, meaning that approximately 14,000 to 20,000 gays could expect to be the victims of physical violence or intimidation nationwide in any one year.

Activist Robin Tyler feels it's time for gays to stop expecting others to protect them and learn to protect themselves.

"We have to stop begging for protection," said Tyler. "How many times have we said, 'Please, please, please?' We have to start defending ourselves."

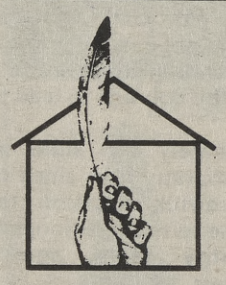
Tyler wants to see local gay groups created in cities across the nation to patrol gay areas and make them safe.

"No one's going to legislate protection. The only way to get people to stop hurting you is to stand up and say 'If you hurt me, you're going to get hurt.' "

One such patrol already has been formed in Dallas, Texas. The on-foot patrol covers areas where gays have been robbed, mugged and murdered.

Although the patrols work in groups and carry whistles to deter attacks, they allegedly will not intervene if violence occurs. Instead, they rely on two-way radios to link them to off-duty police units.

Salt Lake City also has another patrol that warns gays about violence in the area and urges them to carry whistles for assistance. ■



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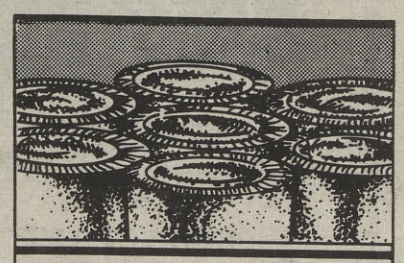

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MGW MEDIA WATCH

by Ben Carlson
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Martina Navratilova...

Former tennis great Margaret Court (a winner of 25 grand-slam titles including Wimbledon) recently slammed current tennis great Martina Navratilova by stating in radio and television interviews that Navratilova's homosexuality is a bad example for young players.

"I'd like to see someone at the top whom the younger players can look up to," she said. "It is very sad for children to be exposed (to homosexuality)."

The *National Enquirer* turned the subject into a recent cover story. The cover blared: "New Gay Sex Scandal Rocks Tennis/Lesbian Stars Stalk Young Players in Shows/Teens Lured to All-Girl Hot-Tub Parties."

Write to co-authors Roger Capettini, Michael Glynn, Jeffrey Rodack and John South, and the Editor-in-Chief, at National Enquirer, Box 11284, Des Moines, IA 50340-1284. Support Martina Navratilova and encourage her to condemn these examples of bigotry by writing to her c/o International Management Group, 1 Erieview Plaza, Suite 1300, Cleveland, OH 44114.

Go...

Go's August issue includes an article about "outing" by Randy Shilts called "Naming Names." Shilts is against outing except in cases in which a closeted gay homophobe is working against the gay community.

"If the truth about homosexuals were to emerge, and Americans were to realize gays are among this country's most respectable citizens, anti-gay prejudice would rapidly evaporate... Without any doubt the world would be an infinitely better place if lesbians and gay men were open about their sexuality. Toward that end, I, for one, have made a personal, moral choice to be open about being gay."

This is a great message to run in a magazine that may have many closeted gay readers. Send a note of approval to Arthur Cooper, Editor-in-Chief, Go, 350 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10017.

Examiner...

The headline of an article printed in the Wednesday, August 1 first edition of the *San Francisco Examiner* and credited only to "Examiner News Services" is: "Gay group shuts down photo show in Boston." The article begins: "Demonstrators chanting 'We're here, we're queer, we'll never be silent again,' forced police to close a private showing of the controversial Robert Mapplethorpe exhibit at Boston's Institute of Contemporary Arts. The two-hour showing, by invitation only, was scheduled to run from 8-10pm Monday, but police ushered guests out of the museum about 20 minutes early after a crowd of 250 chanting protesters gathered outside the institute's doors."

Now, was it *really* the gay group that shut the show? Well, no, it was the police. But the gay group *forced* the police to shut it down, right? Are Boston's police *really* under orders from gays, or did the *Examiner's* wire services and editors just sort of make gays look bad by stretching the truth? That would be uncharacteristic of the usually unhomophobic *Examiner,* so let's just assume that Massachusetts is a place where gays wield a lot of power (must be a benefit of that newly extended civil rights law). Otherwise we'd suggest you challenge Christine Barnes, Features Editor, Style Section, San Francisco Examiner, 110 5th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 and James Finefrock, Op-Ed Editor, San Francisco Examiner, Box 7260, San Francisco, CA 94120.

Sign Language...

American Sign Language (The Perennial Library, Harper & Row, 1987) by Martin Sternberg is one of the largest dictionaries for students of American sign language, yet it has no entries for the terms "lesbian," "gay," or even "homosexual." However, it does contain an entry for the word "fairy," the sign for which is a prissy gesture.

Write to Mr. Sternberg and the Editors at Harper and Row, 10 E 53rd St., New York, NY 10022 to insist on entries for "lesbian," "gay," "homosexual," "bisexual," and "transgendered" in the next edition of the reference work. Insist also that an annotation be added to the entry for "fairy" that indicates the vulgarity of the usage.

Pride promotion...

GLAAD contacted the Community Outreach Unit of the California State Assembly Speaker's Office of Majority Services over the lack of promotion of Lesbian and Gay Pride Festivals by the State Office of Tourism. As a result, the Unit produced a seven-page synopsis of major events in and issues of concern to the lesbian and gay rights movement.

The document was distributed to members of the Assembly's Democratic Caucus prior to pride month. It included suggestions for future outreach to our community.

Express your thanks and your wishes that the document be used to promote the visibility of future Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration events by writing to The Speaker's Office of Majority Services, Community Outreach Unit, 1027 10th St., 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, or call (916) 445-1403, or FAX to (916) 445-4862. Direct your communications to the attention of Julie Torchio and Shelley Bates.

Washington Journalism Review...

The *Washington Journalism Review's 1989 Directory of Selected News Sources* (an annual special-issue reference guide of contacts for journalists) did not include any lesbian/gay listings. GLAAD protested the omission, and the WJR said they'd file the complaint for consideration for this year's *Directory.* They wrote, "Each year, every effort is made to increase the number and diversity of categories and listings in the *Directory.* Unfortunately, we are unable to touch on every subject matter due to space and budget limitations. At this time your request and suggestions will be filed for further review in January 1990." But the *1990 Directory* just came out, and again there isn't a single lesbian or gay listing. This time it's not an oversight.

As it is, the media often seek out figures like Lou Sheldon or William Dannemeyer for commentary on gay topics. Insist that journalists contact lesbians and gays for commentary on these issues. Insist on inclusion of lesbian/gay organizations in the *1991 Directory of Selected News Sources,* and perhaps suggest a few for their consideration. Write to James E. Broadwater, Publisher, Washington Journalism Review, 2233 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Designing Women...

On Monday, July 30, the rerun of the episode of CBS-TV's *Designing Women* in which Suzanne, a regular character, learned that an old friend, Eugenia, is a lesbian was aired. As Suzanne accepted Eugenia for who she is, she discovered that they are a lot alike. Why not praise the producer the second time around? Ask that Eugenia (who portrays a weatherwoman at a local TV station) become a recurring character. Write to Linda Bloodworth-Thomason, Executive Producer, Designing Women, Mozark Productions, Columbia Pictures Television, Production Building #8, Burbank, CA 91505.

Media to monitor...

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Congratulate the media for fair, accurate and diverse coverage of lesbians and gays. Protest defamatory coverage. Contact the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation of the San Francisco Bay Area (GLAAD/SFBA) for media addresses and phone numbers. Notify GLAAD/SFBA of all defamations, and if possible supply us with copies or recordings. Our hotline number is (415) 861-4588, our fax number is (415) 863-4740, and our mailing address is 347 Dolores St., Suite 312, San Francisco, CA 94110.■

Quarterly forum topic — gay marriage

Gay marriage is the topic of the next CAP/PAC Foundation quarterly forum scheduled for Monday, September 10 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Town House, 1517 21st Street. A panel of speakers will explore the value of a public commitment ceremony and legal alternatives to traditional marital protections for same-sex partnerships.

Panelists will include Rev. Ed Sherriff, Bishop of the Northwest District of the Metropolitan Community Church and Carolyn Langenkamp, a prominent local attorney. Partners who have formalized their commitment to one another through a marriage ceremony will also share their views.

CAP/PAC's May forum on internalized homophobia drew an audience of over 100 people including an enthusiastic group of parents and friends of gays. In a questionnaire, that audience selected gay marriage as the topic for the September forum.

CAP/PAC Foundation is a non-profit organization established to provide community education on political and social issues of importance to gay men and lesbians.

Admission to the forum is $7 in advance and includes hors d'oeuvres between 5:30-6pm. Reservations may be made by sending $7 to CAP/PAC Foundation, 8507 Daimler Way, Sacramento, CA 95828. Since seating will be limited, advance ticket reservations are advised. Admission will be $8 at the door.■

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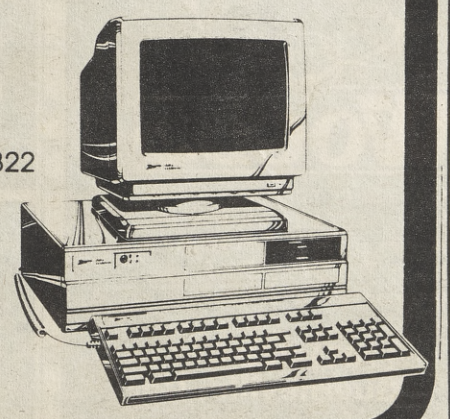

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2,500 women to party on Labor Day; Redheads to play

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

More than 2,500 women are expected to camp out and party over Labor Day weekend when the West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival gets into high gear at a private campground near the edge of Yosemite National Park, California.

One of the hottest bands on the jazz club circuit — the Blazing Redheads — will kick off three nights of dancing with the wildest salsa this side of the Mexican border when the festival starts heating up Friday night.

The seven-woman band features three percussion players whose driving rhythms will get everyone off their feet and undulating to the sounds of a horn section, guitar and keyboards.

"The Blazing Redheads drive audiences wild," said *Jazziz Magazine* about the group.

Women's bands that cater to nearly every taste will keep everyone rocking for the five-day event beginning Thursday, August 30.

"We run live dances from rock to country-western to clean and sober, jazz and blues, every night," said Robin Tyler, founder of the 11-year festival.

For many lesbians, the three major festivals — the West Coast, Southern Fest and Michigan — offer a chance to see up and coming bands *before* they make it.

In the past, such super-octane performers as folksinger Tracy Chapman, rocker Melissa Etheridge and *Saturday Night Live* comic Denitra Vance have appeared on the women's festival circuit.

According to Tyler, pop icons such as Madonna wouldn't exist today if it weren't for the groundwork that women's music laid.

Workshops on everything from women's healing to sex, love and intimacy to sado-masochism will give food for thought for those who want more quiet amusements.

For those who want it even more quiet, there re hikes in the woods, fishing in the river and skinny-dipping in the lake.

"Roughing it" is hardly the phrase for this campground with a swimming pool and a night stage that rivals the mother ship landing in the middle of a pine forest. But for those who want luxury, there is more in store.

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things that have been said here. I think it would be an absolute disaster to demand appointments on the basis of sexual orientation," said Burns. "I hate the thought of having a governor appoint someone just because they were gay."

14th Congressional District

In the race for the 14th Congressional District seat, Republican John Doolittle versus Democrat Patricia Malberg, there was no question of who CAP/PAC favored. There was however, a lengthy discussion of whether a Malberg endorsement would be used by Doolittle against her.

It was pointed out that endorsements by CAP/PAC can change at future board meetings, held before the election.

Talk of a "no" endorsement for Doolittle instead of a "yes" for Malberg followed.

"There are some races where an endorsement from gays will hurt more than it will help," said Burns who jokingly suggested CAP/PAC organize a group of "Gays to elect Doolittle" that would embarass the anti-gay conservative at right-wing events.

CAP/PAC passed a motion to suggest a "no" for Doolittle and decided to ask Malberg her feeling about an endorsement before making a decision.

Insurance commissioner

In the race between Wes Bannister and John Garamendi, neither candidate responded to the organization's questionnaire.

Several board members posed the question, "what connection does the insurance commissioner have with gays?"

"It could have to do with AIDS discrimination. John Garamendi has never been a strong supporter of the gay community, but he has never been a John Doolittle either."

Bannister, is a Republican Orange County insurance broker.

Garamendi is so confident he will win in November, his wife has already announced her candidacy for his state senate seat.

CAP/PAC did not endorse Garamendi in the primary.

"Garamendi is a conservative Democrat who usually votes with the party," said Burns who surprised many board members when he called the longtime senator "brilliant."

Treasurer

Democrat Kathleen Brown is challenging Republican Tom Hayes for the office of treasurer. Brown, is the daughter and sister of two governors, Edmund and Jerry Brown. Hayes is the incumbent appointed by Deukmejian after a failed attempt to place Dan Lungren in the seat.

"Tom sent a nice letter to CAP/PAC, it says he has gay staffers and a couple other things," said Burns.

Hayes was the arguably the most pro-gay Republican considered by the group.

"What would the office of treasurer mean to gays?" asked Herber.

Burns explained that the state treasurer deals with bonds. Recently, the first-ever bond measure for an AIDS hospice was placed and succeeded on the ballot in Los Angeles.

Though the discussion over who to endorse for treasurer came before the endorsement for governor, CAP/PAC's board first agonized over the group's purpose when a dual endorsement was suggested.

"I'd like to see us make a decision now based on the information we have here," said McComber. The information McComber referred to were favorable responses to the CAP/PAC questionnaires from both candidates.

Burns said he favored a dual endorsement because it was the first time he had ever seen a Republican put support for the gay community in writing.

The board president also said he thought CAP/PAC should try to get a "middle-of-the-road" Republican to be the keynote speaker at its yearly fundraising dinner.

The CAP/PAC board has six Democrats and four Republicans. At the endorsement meeting, by no formal agreement, Republicans sat on one side of the table, Democrats on the other.
other.

CAP/PAC passed a dual endorsement.

Other endorsements

CAP/PAC also gave less controversial endorsements to other candidates. CAP/PAC sent questionnaires to all. Those who returned the organization's 14-question form were given preference over those who did not.

CAP/PAC endorsed:

— Lieutenant Governor, incumbent Democrat Leo McCarthy

— Secretary of State, incumbent Democrat March Fong Eu

— Controller, incumbent Democrat Gray Davis

— Attorney General, Democrat Arlo Smith, San Francisco District Attorney

— Congress, District 3, incumbent Democrat Bob Matsui

— Congress, District 4, Democrat Vic Fazio and Republican Mike Thompson

— State Senate, District 6, incumbent Democrat Leroy Greene

— State Assembly, District 6, incumbent Democrat Lloyd Connelly

— State Assembly, District 10, incumbent Democrat Phil Isenberg. ■

BROWN
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ment of the Republican party, Brown said former President Reagan "was able to combine the greed of his friends and the fear of the American people and get elected — twice."

He described Republican gubernatorial candidate Pete Wilson as "one of the biggest" Reagan-Bush benefactors.

His call to RCDC was to increase voter registration efforts and to support candidates in the Democratic party "at every level." Brown also asked those present to sign-up for a monthly deduction from their checking account to support the party. He also promised that a "portion" of the funds would return to RCDC.

Following his speech, there was a short question and answer period. One woman asked Brown's feeling about the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Brown apparently supported the positioning of U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia to defend U.S. oil interests in the Persian Gulf.

"It (the build-up) has a lot of risks. There is a big gap between the Arab world and the western world." Despite earlier criticisms of Bush, Brown said he felt the president was acting "correctly" in sending troops to the Middle East.

Some at the meeting said they were disappointed Brown spent less than a minute discussing gays, lesbians and AIDS, but they were encouraged by his meeting with the group. ■

COMPLAINT
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manager and the store manager were on vacation and would not be available until next week. Schonborn said he was never informed that Bills was to be a management trainee and said Casanastova told him that Bills had quit over an incident which occurred that day — that Casanastova had no prior knowledge of any problems with the staff or harassment.

Rudy Portis, senior consultant to the Department of Fair Employment and Housing acknowledged that the complaint has been filed but said he is unable to talk about it. "Complaints are confidential until we complete our investigation," Portis said. However he did explain departmental procedures.

Protis said in about a week the employer will receive notice of the complaint and will have about two weeks to reply and to detail what was going on. "When the department completes its initial investigation it will attempt a reconcilation between the parties," Portis said, "if that is unsuccessful then there will be a further field investigation and the case could go to a public hearing before the Fair Employment Commission or the complaintant can file a civil suit for damages. The process can take up to two years."

Bills said he doesn't care how long case takes. He said, "I'm doing this for the gay community. This is the first case of sexual harassment against homosexuals that they've accepted and I realize it is an important issue. Kentucky Fried Chicken is just going to have to have a clear policy and training regarding treatment of homosexual employees to keep them from threats and harassment." Bills said, "I don't want anyone else to have to go through the stress and threats that I went through. And if I can, I want to file a suit for between $100,000 and $150,000 in damages because that's something they'll understand and remember." ■

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decline if asked. "I have no interest in furthering their agenda."

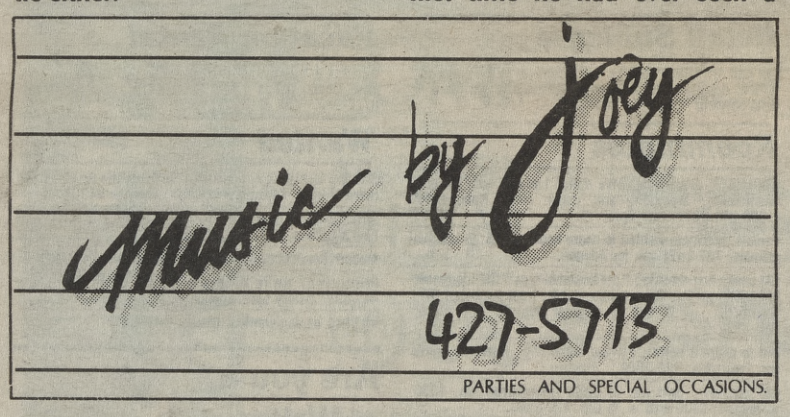
John Rodgers, another spokesman for GLAAD, said publisher Jim Smith and Benvenuti have agreed to a meeting, despite opposition from some of the *Union's* most senior staff members. Rodgers also confirmed Farah's statement that the newspaper's advertising has not been effected.

"They (advertisers) view ACT-UP's letter as a threat — it doesn't hold any merit with them," said Rodgers.

Rodgers said GLAAD hopes to find out "how the newspaper can perceive they are not against gays and how they can justify ridiculing people with AIDS. GLAAD is looking for a compromise, not an apology because the cartoons appeared on the editorial page."

Through sources inside the *Union, MGW* learned of an internal *Union* memo that said gays were to be referred to only as homosexuals. "We made the change because gay is a slang term," said Farah.

Benvenuti and Smith were unavailable for comment. ■



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MGW MOM...GUESS WHAT! 's Pull-Out Section

MGW FLASH!

by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the back of the paper.

REACHING out to gays in the **Soviet Union** is the intention of a newspaper printed in the Netherlands. The eight-page Russian language publication is free. It contains news on gay movements and information on safer sex. Gay Soviet soldiers stationed in East Germany have offered to help distribute the journal. It is hoped that a good portion of the **85,000** copies printed will actually be delivered ● Once again the **Barbary Coast Cloggers** will be at the State Fair. A wonderful aspect of the show is that the guys dance together and no one blinks an eye! They are true to themselves and the audiences love it. Catch them at the fair August 17-19. They are also doing a benefit at **Faces** on Sunday, August 19 ● Last time we mentioned that CAP/PAC president, **Tom Burns** had a new job. There is a correction to the item however. Tom is now a lobbyist for the **Searle Pharmaceutical Company.** (not chemical company) I received the low-down on this when I ran into the man himself at Music Circus. Our apologies ● And what a fun night watching **The Boyfriend** at Music Circus. The show featured, Olympic gold medalist **Greg Louganis.** Oldtime friends, **John Daniels** and **Sid Crain M.D.** were there and claimed to be surprised that their theatre row was filled with men! ● Bon Voyage to **Candace Blase,** CAP/PAC board member, who is moving to Washington to work on her Ph.D. But most of all Candace, don't forget the dance steps I taught you. They will undoubtedly embellish your studies ● At press time, Sacramento is showing well at the **Gay Games.** The **Blagdon** family are quite the athletes. It seems that Mark has won three gold medals in swimming. Edmund and Liz White won silver medals in the mixed pairs. While Kate won 1 silver in swimming. Other medalists: Juan Ramos, silver in men's bodybuilding; Juan Ramos and Michael Ward, bronze in men's couples bodybuilding; Norm Frohwein, in charge of the training of the Sacramento bodybuilders, won a gold medal in men 50 and over bodybuilding● ***US*** magazine and ***Gentleman's Quarterly*** should be commended on their recent articles concerning outing. Publications of every kind can't seem to write enough about this controversial subject. Our existence continues to be news ● **Dell Richards,** author of ***Lesbian Lists, MGW*** writer and now nationally syndicated, was recently in Sacramento visiting friends. Some say she may move back from Boise, Idaho?? ● **Sandy Virago** is looking for campaign volunteers for **Dianne Feinstein.** To get involved and make history, call her at 428-6112 ● Up for spokesman of the year, **Stan Hadden** and **Lee Nichols** did a great job on **KFBK** radio. They eloquently discussed ACT-UP and our gay beach situation ● **Frank Lawler** and ***MGW*** **Linda Birner** have become summer travel companions. Their recent travel included the **St. Angelo Inn** in Pacific Grove (Carmel/Monterey area). The dynamic duo reports that owners Marshall and Curtis made their stay more enjoyable. Apparently the food at this bed and breakfast is out of this world ● Happy July & August birthday wishes to David Granger, Robby Becker, Jim Maxwell and Ben Nicholson. Happy Birthday also to Glenn who just celebrated his first anniversary with Kim. And speaking of anniversaries, **Ed Condon** (RCDC vice president) and **Norman Lorenz** just tacked on another year. This is one busy fun couple that everyone wishes they saw more often ● Planning a trip? **Ted Fertig** is now at **Expo Travel** near the Home Express store ● Congratulations to **Jan Annis** on the arrival of her new "little" one. She is the proud parent of a giant black Schnauzer baby boy ! ● Continuing with our "People and Their Pets" segment, **Sue Thompson** and **Frannie Burton** of Auburn received a bonus with their new ranch. It's a baby miniature donkey ● At a recent State Fair wine reception for the media we definitely had our 10 percent in attendance. While in the Rotunda, I even saw **Tom Grof** pouring the good stuff ● Surely by this time you have seen our "informal" endorsement/advertisement of ***MGW*** Managing Editor **Jim Walker,** for governor. As far as looking the part, Jim has my vote. Contributions to the Walker campaign should be channeled through my ***MGW*** mailbox for approval! ● Midtown Sacramento is beginning to look at bit like oldtime Europe. We now have two additional sidewalk cafe shops. **New Helvetia** and **Greta's** are both on 19th Street. While Greta's offers a more extensive menu, the design of New Helvetia in the renovated firehouse building is superb. One feature to note is the unique lighting. It has to be seen ● The **Acropolis Computer Bulletin Board** claims an abundance of cute guys at the Bel Air Market on West El Camino. Other reports favor Price Club and especially Price Savers. Let me know what you think ● What gets you hot? How can you make that safe? Find the answers to these questions at SAF's **Buddy Connection/90.** The next workshop at 19 & K is August 17 ● Heartfelt birthday wishes to the other columnist, **Dan Palomino.** (Louella Parsons) Due to the trauma of this milestone, Louella is going into semi-retirement. (As I predicted) We will miss her "writing" for the next two months. And in your leisure travels Louella, be sure to stop by our office and see ***MGW's*** four foot penguin with press credentials! ● On a similar note, the **Rev. Jerry Sloan** made big points at ***MGW*** when he delivered a beautiful penguin pin! Are we queer for these birds or what? ● Keep making those summer memories, September is just around the corner.

..... *John*■

Heart helps out

Nancy Wilson of Heart, "hangs out" in the studio with Precious Metal. The Heart guitarist helped the hard-rockin' female band co-write "Trouble" for their new record. Photo by Richie Aaron

Summer ball raises $12,000 for AIDS

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

The Sacramento Summer Ball, a series of events held July 20-22, raised more than $12,000 for the AIDS Foundation's home health care division.

The Sacramento Summer Ball Chapter is a member of the National Foundation for Education Research which is based in Los Angeles.

The Foundation won't be getting the money immediately though. Robert Hodge of FER told *MGW* that the group is having another fundraiser over Labor Day weekend that is expected to bring the total donation to more than $16,000.

Last year the Sacramento event raised $10,000 for the client services fund of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

Besides Sacramento and Los Angeles, other cities, such as Houston, Dallas, New Orleans, Atlanta, and Sydney, Australia have also founded chapters.

A unique requirement of FER's fundraising is that 10 percent of all donations raised must be returned to the community where the event was sponsored. The costs of the events are covered by local hosts.

The Sacramento Summer Ball began with a cocktail party and a black tie dinner at the Hyatt Regency on Friday, followed by a cruise and dance on Saturday and a brunch aboard the River City Queen on Sunday.

Hosts for the events included Phil Canaday, Kevin Crain, Robert Guiol, Robert Hodge, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Hodge Sr., Chuck Holmes, Bill Knudsen, Brad Long, Marty Martinez, Dallas McConahay, Steven Scarborough, Terry Stevens, Scott Winkler and Mark Zampella.

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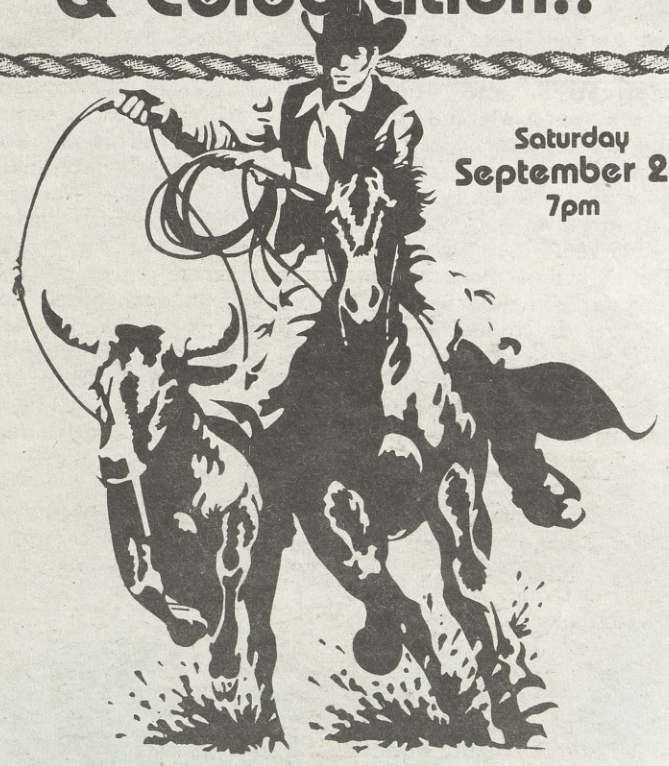

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What is the NGLTF?

by John D'Emilio, Ph.D.

The lesbian and gay community is as strong as the relationships among us. Organizations help us structure and strengthen our relationships. In the last generation, we have built organizations widely and well. There are now thousands of them, in every part of the country, with a broad range of constituents and missions. Some are stable, permanent institutions. Our organizations, especially those devoted to changing laws, public policies, and cultural attitudes, allow us to speak in a collective and powerful voice.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is one of our oldest national organizations. As a "task force," NGLTF has proven best at defining problems facing our communities, and then organizing solutions that push our movement forward. It does this by:

- lobbying and developing public policy;
- building coalitions within and outside the gay and lesbian community, locally and nationally;
- exchanging information with grassroots groups, and sharing organizing skills;
- educating the public, both gay and nongay, concerning our issues.

NGLTF's greatest strength has been its multistrategy approach. It engages in mainstream and grassroots efforts, education, advocacy, and direct action. It also provides technical assistance to lesbian and gay groups at the state and local level.

The Task Force was formed in the fall of 1973 by a group of East Coast activists. At the time, gay liberation was still a local movement in its structure, organization, and activities. The founders, including activists Bruce Voeller, Nathalie Rockhill, Ron Gold, and Howard Brown, were attempting to push the movement to a new stage by giving it a national voice and presense.

Initially, staff and board came almost entirely from the Northeast. By 1976 that had changed dramatically, and board members were elected from around the country. From the beginning, the board reflected the goal of gender parity.

In its first five years, the Task Force carved out a very wide sphere of action. Because this was the start of national organizing, almost everything it did was a "first," With very limited resources, and little history to guide them, the staff and board accomplished a lot. The mental health profession, the media, organized religion, the law and the women's movement were among the early areas of programmatic concern.

NGLTF activities and victories in the 1970s included the following:

- it played a key role in the 1974 referendum of the American Psychiatric Association, which removed homosexuality from its list of mental disorders.
- in 1975, the Task Force protested a homophobic episode of **Marcus Welby**. Eleven sponsors backed out, and several affiliates refused to air the show. NGLTF orchestrated similar actions against other shows through its "Gay Media Alert!," which informed local organizations of upcoming objectionable programming. Ginny Vida, the media director, helped make the gay and lesbian community an organized force for the major networks to deal with.
- the Task Force lobbied the National Council of Churches and the Episcopal Church on gay issues. Both groups passed resolutions condemning antigay discrimination and urging dialogue with lesbian and gay church members.
- on the legal front, NGLTF lobbied the American Bar Association to endorse sodomy law repeal (1974). It found sponsors to introduce the first gay rights bill in Congress (1975). Through the work of board member Frank Kameny, the federal Civil Service Commission lifted its ban on the employment of lesbians and gay men (1975). And, the Task Force won reversal of an IRS policy that denied tax-exempt status to groups arguing that homosexuality is an acceptable mode of living.
- Task Force women worked to win support from the mainstream women's movement for lesbian rights. They campaigned successfully for a lesbian rights resolution at the 1975 national NOW convention.

Several of them, including Jean O'Leary, Frances Doughty, Charlotte Bunch, and others, spearheaded a major effort to insure lesbian visibility at the International Women's Year Conference in Houston in 1977. At Houston, the sexual preference resolution passed overwhelmingly.

Every organization has its ups and downs, and NGLTF is no exception. The late 1970s and early 1980s were a difficult time for the movement and for the Task Force. The Dade County campaign to repeal a gay rights ordinance, led by Anita Bryant, fueled a growing New Right movement which targeted the gay and lesbian community. The election of Ronald Reagan in 1980 made the political climate in Washington extremely antagonistic to the agenda, and the appearance of AIDS soon after posed a huge challenge.

The Task Force experienced a change of leadership in the late 1970s. The new co-executive directors failed to respond adequately to the aggressively antigay politics of the times. The finances of the organization did not keep up with inflation and for years NGLTF was without a media director. This was also a period in which factionalism seemed to surface frequently. Many gay and lesbian organizations, the Task Force included, found themselves embroiled in conflict with each other, rather than moving the agenda forward.

Even so, some important initiatives emerged from these years: work with the Federal Bureau of Prisons to insure the availability of gay publications to inmates; negotiations with the Immigration and Naturalization Service over entry for gay and lesbian travelers; membership in the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; and the beginnings of NGLTF's anti-violence project. In 1979 the Task Force board voted to reserve 20 percent of its seats for people of color, and NGLTF cosponsored the national conference of Third World gays and lesbians held in Washington in October 1979. The organization also hired its first Washington lobbyist, Mel Boozer.

A turnaround came in the fall of 1982 when Virginia Apuzzo was hired as executive director. Apuzzo restored the organization's credibility and helped rebuild staff morale. She brought to the job endless energy, inspiring rhetoric, and a vision that motivated people. She traveled around the country, providing visibility for the organization, and making NGLTF an asset for local groups. She could also speak forcefully and persuasively on issues, and emerged as a spokesperson for the movement.

Apuzzo pushed NGLTF toward the issue of AIDS which, by late 1982, was becoming a key priority among gay men. She hired Jeff Levi as a Washington lobbyist, and he quickly became a skilled player in the AIDS policy field. The Task Force opened the first national hotline to provide information about AIDS. The antiviolence project, under Kevin Berrill's direction, began gaining national visibility for the issues, especially after the release of its first survey of antigay and antilesbian violence in 1984. The Democratic Party included an anti-violence plank in its 1984 platform.

Jeff Levi succeeded Apuzzo as executive director in 1985. The Task Force moved its operations to Washington in 1986. The organization's budget began to grow again and, one by one, the organizing projects which comprise the Task Force's current programs were added. Levi focused his lobbying efforts on AIDS, and a second lobbyist was hired to handle other gay and lesbian issues in Congress. In response to the Hardwick decision, a privacy project was added to assist state and local groups to win sodomy law repeal and other organizing goals. The Anti-Violence Project remained in place. Most recently, a campus organizing project and a lesbian and gay families project have been established. The latter involves a collaborative effort with the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

This past summer, NGLTF hired a new executive director, Urvashi Vaid. Her familiarity with the organization (she was public information director for three years) and her long experience in the movement has meant that the change in leadership took place without NGLTF skipping a beat. This summer also saw board and staff engage in a process of strategic planning for the next five years, to carry the Task Force into what we all hope will be the "gay nineties."

(The work of NGLTF is financed in large part by memberships. Annual membership is $35. Write to: NGLTF, 1517 "U" Street, Washington, D.C. 20009)■

Delta Lambda Phi holds national meeting

Delta Lambda Phi, a progressive gay National Social Fraternity, recently held its first annual national convention in San Francisco. The three day event, attended by close to 80 brrothers and sponsred by the San Francisco (Zeta) chapter, began on Friday, July 20 with an open house at the residence of Zeta's chapter president.

The convention continued through Sunday with an agenda including workshops on chapter administration, membership recruitment and pledge programms, as well as a business meeting to vote upon new fraternity policies. During the business meeting, three seats on the National Board of Directors were filled, one by the local Davis chapter director Ken Thompson. Eight regional representative positions were also filled by brothers throughout the country.

Social activities included a Brothers' Social on Saturday night (at the Alta Plaza) and a closing banquet at the Holiday Inn on Sunday evening. The convention was attended by brothers of the nationwide fraternities and fraternity founder Vern Strickland who conducted the closing ceremonies. The second annual convention is already in its planning stages, although the location has not been confirmed.

For more information about Delta Lambda Phi contact Sacramento chapter president Peter Schwehn at 454-5391 or Davis chapter director Ken Thompson at 753-8514.

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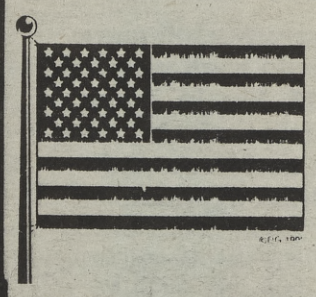

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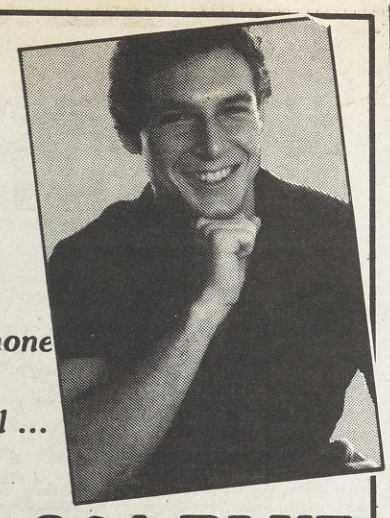

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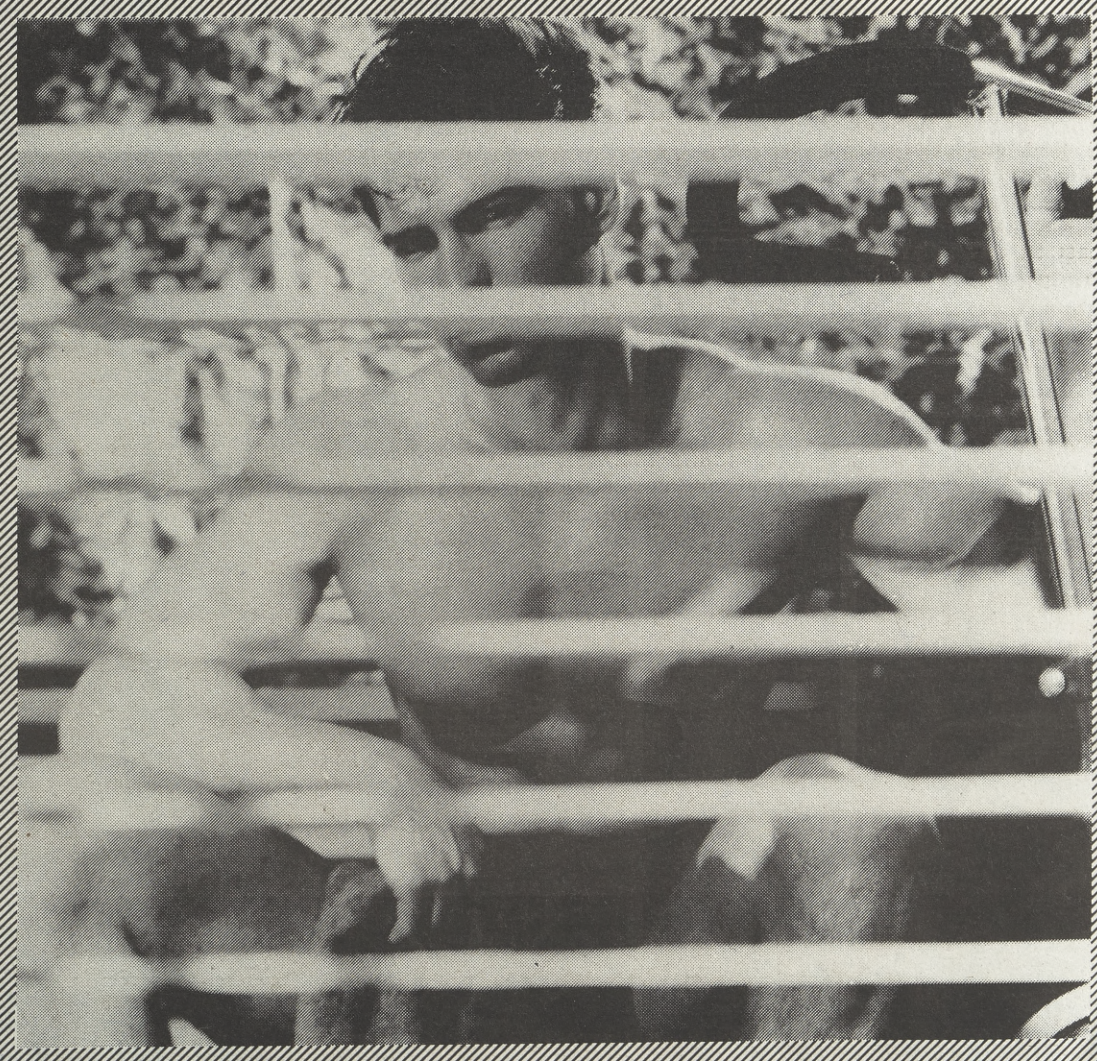

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• **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**—McKinley Park Group, Room A. Tues 8pm. 601 Alhambra Blvd. 454-1100.

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• **PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS & GAYS**—555 Vallombrosa, #73, Chico. 3rd Sun., 1pm. 891-5718.

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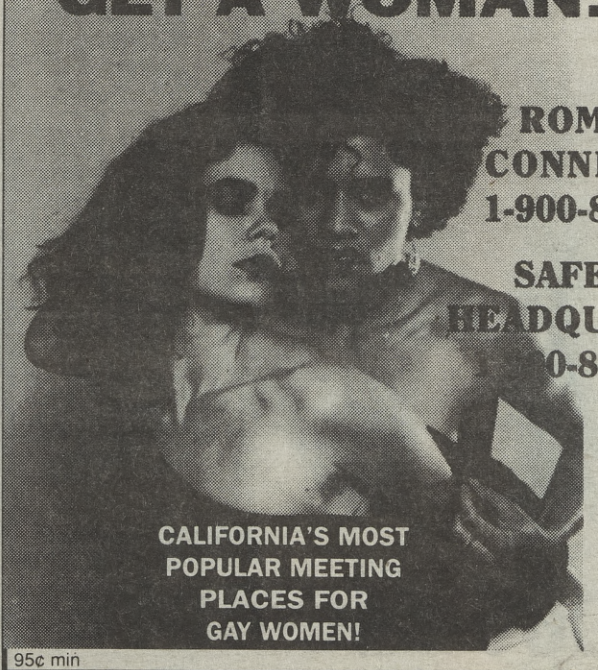

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